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MAKING HISTORY WHERE GREAT MEN ABIDE

TAFT SOUNDS KEY-NOTE ON QUESTION

Threshing Out the Brownsville Affair—President Sends Stirring Message—Meeting of the Committee on Jeanes Fund.

Special by Thompson's National News Bureau.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16.—History is being made these days at a rapid pace. The week has been replete with startling incidents with every scene appealing strongly to contemporaneous human interest—as the playbills would describe the situation. President Roosevelt has surprised everybody by his special message to Congress, telling of the discovery of new evidence in the Brownsville affair and giving out clews that may lead to an unravelling of the tangled skein in which the truth about the famous shooting-up of the Texas town has been enmeshed. The President, with characteristic vigor and directness of statement, points a way by which the innocent soldiers may be reinstated and the guilty ones punished. Senator Foraker is having his "day in court" likewise, and the threshing process is being carried out with such thoroughness on both sides that the layman may venture the hope that somewhere between the two extremes the exact truth may come out and full justice may be done to all concerned. The belief is common that the President is anxious to give the soldiers a "square deal," and now that apparent guilt has been placed with more or less definiteness, it will be easier to establish the innocence of those who were in no position to have knowledge of the events of the troublous night and morning of August 13 and 14, 1906. It looks as if we are approaching the beginning of the end of this historic episode.

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The speech of Mr. Taft before the North Carolina Society in New York is being discussed upon all sides, and everywhere praise is heard of its soundness and statesmanlike tone. It breathes a wholesome spirit of national unity and bespoke justice for the black man and fair play for both races in the Southland. The well-poised references to the Negro problem, the contention for equality of opportunity, for advancement and for protection under the law, the arrangeemnt of the suffrage so as to place the burden of responsibility upon the shoulders of electors who have a stake in the community, treating white and black intelligence and white and black ignorance exactly alike, and so adjusting the economic advantages that the South and the North could each work out their common destiny as integral factors in the great American nation in peace and harmony, could not be gainsaid. They were timely and to the point—no equivocation, no dodging and no recantation of the pledges openly made throughout the recent campaign. Mr. Taft makes it plain that he intends to be President of the whloe people, and the Negro, in agreement with the thinking citizens of the republic, are confident that he will live up to the highest expectations in his dealings on both the economic and the ethical issues which he will be compelled to face in the next four—or eight years. Even those colored men who bitterly opposed Mr. Taft's nomination and some who carried on their fight to the finish, are obliged to go far afield to pick anything akin to a flaw in this, his first significant declaration of policy on the race question since his election. His utterances were particularly happy and those who have believed in him thoroughly from the start are delighted, and his opponents are at least agreeably disappointed. While the latter are reluctantly granting him a suspension of judgment, the former are more than ever determined to hold up his hands and give him that cordial measure of support that will spell success to his broad-gauged policies and make for our betterment as American citizens. Far-seeing colored men are realizing, as Mr. Taft is realizing, that the republic is on the eve of a new order of things, social, intellectual, moral and industrial, and it behooves all of us to prepare well for the ordeal before us.

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President Roosevelt has given a formal order to the Secretary of War directing that as soon as vacancies occur in the position of bandmaster in the colored regiments in the United States Army, competent colored musicians shall be appointed. In order that no injustice may be done by the displacement of any white musicians now in charge of colored bands it is directed that these men be transferred to white regiments wherever vacancies are made in the natural course of events, thus making an opening for the colored bandmaster. We have now one full-fledged colored bandmaster — Elbert Williams, formerly leader of the band at Tuskegee Institute, now stationed with the Twenty-fifth Infantry in the Philippines. Colored men have acted as chief musician in all of the colored regiments in the temporary absence of the white chief, and have in every case given satisfaction. It is regarded as only fair that colored musicians, well versed in their calling, be given a chance to prove their metal and reap the benefit accruing from their high-grade equipment. In this connection it may be stated that Valentine Buckries (white), late chief musician of the Twenty-sixth Infantry, likewise white, has been retired by his own request, and Chief Musician W. O. Thompson, for many years attached to the Twenty-fourth Infantry, has been sent to the Philippines to take his place. The vacancy thus occurring in the Twenty-fourth Regiment, now at Madison Barracks, New York, will shortly be filled by a colored chief, in keeping with the order of the President. Among those mentioned for the position is Alexander Sewall, formerly of the United States Navy, conductor of a band in this city, who is highly recommended by musicians of the highest standing. The entire credit for the inauguration of this generous policy on the part of the administration—beginning during the incumbency of Judge Taft as Secretary of War, belongs to Emmett J. Scott, the enterprising and resourceful secretary to Dr. Booker T. Washington. In a short time we hope to be able to tell the story in full.

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By direction of the War Department, General Leonard Wood, commanding the Department of the East, at New York, has ordered that one company of the Twenty-fourth Infantry at Madison Barracks, New York, be sent to New York City to participate in the great parade and exercises to be held there on the first of January under the auspices of the Lincoln Emancipation Association of Brooklyn. The movement for this emancipation celebration grew out of the activity of George E. Wibecan of the Postoffice Department and a political leader of prominence in Kings County. The orator of the day will be Hon. William Tecumseh Vernon, Register of the United States Treasury. Later on in the season Dr. Vernon will speak in Cleveland, celebrating the one hundredth anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln.

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President W. S. Scarborough of Wilberforce University continues to have honors thrust upon him. In the East he was the recipient of marked attention at the hands of educators of the first rank, and patrons of education, such as Prof. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia College, Hon. Seth Low and Mr. Robert C. Ogden, George Foster Peabody, William Jay Schieffelin and William G. Willcox, all of whom evidenced deep interest in the welfare of Wilberforce and from which substantial returns may be expected in the near future. They were impressed with Dr. Scarborough's rare scholarship and versatility of attainments and agreed that he is the right man in the right place. He is now at the school, but is to go to the University of Toronto (Canada) to attend a meeting of the American Philological Association, shortly, by special invitation, before which august body he will read a paper on "Some Disputed Passages in Cicero's Letter"—a subject on which he is recognized as an authority. Dr. Scarborough is seeing to it that the name of Wilberforce University is creditably sustained among the most distinguished thought centers of the nation. He is expected in Washington by and by and will be heard before the Bethel Literary and Historical Association.

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The annual meeting of the board of trustees of the Anna T. Jeanes million-dollar fund in aid of the colored schools of the rural districts of the South attracted national attention. Many notable personages were present, including President-elect William Howard Taft, who presided over the deliberations; Andrew Carnegie, the "Ironmaster"; Walter H. Page, editor of *The World's Work;* Bishop Abraham Grant and Dr. Booker T. Washington. The meeting was held at the office of Commissioner H. B. F. Macfarland in the District Building. The presence of Mr. Taft was particularly gratifying, and Dr. Washington and his associates on the board are elated over the distinction of having the hearty cooperation of the next President of the United States in this very important and far-reaching work. Upon his arrival, Mr. Taft was the cynosure of all eyes, of course, and the exceedingly warm greeting he gave Dr. Washington, Bishop Grant and Governor Pinchback immediately was an earnest expression of the deep appreciation he feels for the great service they are rendering humanity and the nation. He was engaged in close conversation with each for some time before the opening of the business session. The committee included, besides Dr. Washington, Bishop Grant, Mr. Taft and Mr. Page, already mentioned, Major R. R. Moton, commandant at Hampton Institute; Dr. H. B. Frissell, principal of Hampton Institute; J. C. Napier, Nashville, Tenn.; R. L. Smith, Paris, Texas; Robert C. Ogden, Andrew Carnegie and George A. McAneny, of New York; Dr. J. H. Dillard, New Orleans, who is president of the body. The meeting was called to discuss plans for the work of administering the fund for the current year. The payment of the salaries of thirty-six industrial teachers, who already are in the field, was approved, and the president and executive committee were authorized to extend this list. It is understood that the list of teachers will be increased about the first of the new year. The board also appropriated $1,630 to be distributed among eighteen schools for buildings and equipment. In addition to this, $17,500 was appropriated to be used at the discretion of the president, with the approval of the executive committee. The Jeanes fund is the first organization composed of Northern white men, Southern white men and Negroes, organized for the education and development of the colored race. It will be remembered that Miss Anna T. Jeanes, a philanthropic Quaker lady of Philadelphia, made the gift of $1,000,000 for the benefit of the Negro rural schools of the South, largely upon the suggestion of Dr. Booker T. Washington, who had pointed out to her the pressing needs of these schools for longer terms, better teachers and improved facilities, refusing to have Tuskegee Institute included in the benefaction. Only the interest from the fund, however, is available. The meeting was altogether successful and the work is reported to be in a prosperous condition. At the close of the Wednesday session, the colored members of the committee were entertained at luncheon by Bishop W. J. Caines at the financial headquarters of the A. M. E. Church. Besides Dr. Washington, Major Moton, J. W. Napier and R. L. Smith and the host, the company embraced Bishop W. S. Derrick, Rev. Dr. John F. Hurst, financial secretary of the A. M. E. Church; Prof. H. Kealing, editor of the A. M. E. Church *Review;* Dr. W. T. Vernon, register of the United States Treasury, and Emmett J. Scott, secretary to Dr. Washington. Following this enjoyable function, Dr. Washington, in company with Mr. Scott, called on Secretary of State Elihu Root, and late in the afternoon they were the guests of Ambassador James Bryce at the British embassy. In the evening the trustees were tendered an elaborate banquet at Gray's. The diners included those at the afternoon luncheon, together with Governor P. B. S. Pinchback, W. Sidney Pittman, Rev. B. F. Watson, secretary of the Church Extension Board of the A. M. E. Church. The hosts were Ralph W. Tyler, auditor for the Navy Department; John C. Dancy, recorder of deeds for the District of Columbia; W. T. Vernon, register of the Treasury; James A. Cobb, assistant district attorney; Judge Robert M. Terrell of the Municipal Court; Dr. A. M. Curtis, Dr. E. D. Williston, Dr. John R. Francis, Wyatt Archer, Cyrus Field Adams, assistant register of the Treasury, and Whitfield McFinlay. Dr. Washington, while in the city, was the house guest of Mr. and Mrs. W. Sidney Pittman, and Mr. Scott stopped at the home of Auditor and Mrs. Ralph W. Tyler. Bishop Grant was the guest of Register and Mrs. Vernon.

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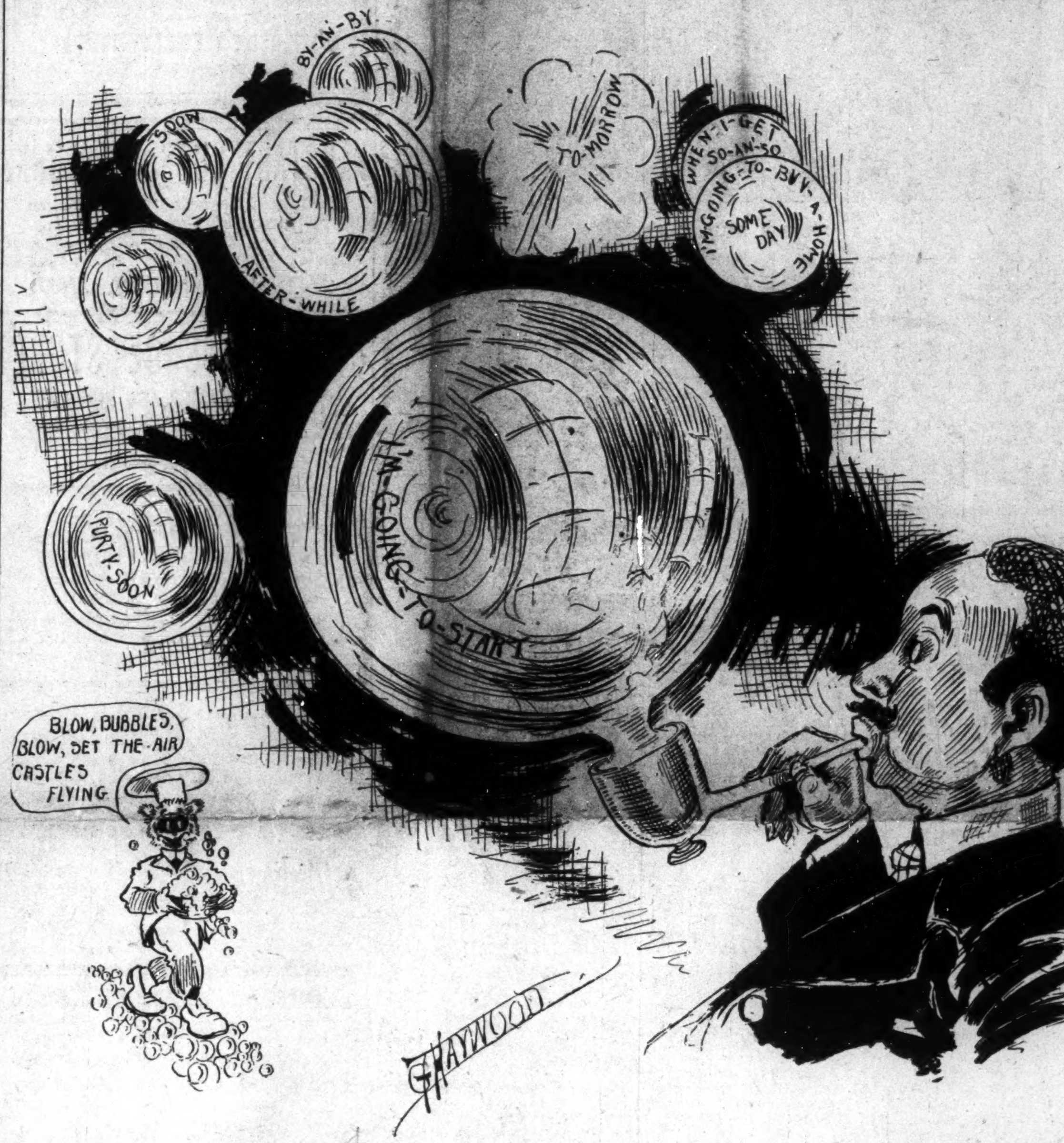
President Roosevelt's remarkable address at the cornerstone laying of the colored branch of the Y. M. C. A. is echoing throughout Washington and has been widely commented upon by the press of the country. A few days ago a committee, representing the association, called on the President to express their gratitude for the extraordinary courtesy he had extended the organization in performing the important function on Thanksgiving day. The gentlemen speaking for the Y. M. C. A. were Dr. J. B. Moorland, international secretary of the colored branch of the Y.M.C.A.; Lewis E. Johnson, secretary of the Washington branch; and Ralph W. Tyler, auditor for the Navy Department. The President gave them a cordial reception and for nearly an hour talked earnestly with them, highly complimenting the race upon the splendid showing it has made in connection with the magnificent $100,000 home now in course of erection, and praised the work of a similar character our people are doing elsewhere. The President declared that the moral uplift of the Negro through the Y. M. C. A. and work of a like type would eventually prove the solution of the Negro problem, and he did not know of any greater factor in that work than the colored Y. M. C. A. He especially recommended to Secretary Johnson the cultivation of athletic exercises in the Washington institution, saying that pleasure and crime are not synonymous things and that boys engaged in athletic sport were not likely to be getting into mischief or trouble. President Roosevelt evinced satisfaction when told of the hearty approval which his speech had met at the hands of the colored people all over the country, and of the inspiration his encouraging words had engendered in the hearts of the masses.

R. W. THOMPSON.



DALLAS, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

The death of Mrs. Ellis Willis, whose funeral was conducted from Evening Chapel, C. M. E. Church last Monday, was a sad event, owing to the fact that she left four very small children. Dr. G. I. Jackson conducted the ceremony. The floral offerings were beautiful. Interment took place at the new cemetery. A lovable one has gone and she will be missed by a host of relatives, friends and sympathizers. The bereaved family has many friends to sympathize with them in their sad hours...Dr. G. E. Taylor, at one time pastor of St. James A. M. E. Church, died in Waco recently and was buried here. He was a strong and powerful minister and was loved by many over the State, who extend their sympathy to the bereaved family...The teachers of the county have been in session here all week and many interesting subjects for the benefit of the race were discussed. The attendance was large and the sessions well attended...The Commercial Industry Company has begun business in the old Wiley cotton mill building, corner Flora and Central avenue. This company was formed by a number of energetic colored men. They carry everything in stock needed for the home. The men are all broad-minded and liberal and they ask a share of your trade...The new Grand Jury has been busy looking after the prisoners on the chain gangs in this county and conditions have been greatly improved. The unfortunate inmates of the county poor farm are to be better cared for in every way and kept in a cleaner ward...There have been many Negroes searched and clubbed day and night here by some of the police officers. Many a hard-working man has been wrongfully beaten on account of his looks and clothes and not being used to answering questions and not knowing how to explain satisfactorily his street address and number. The well-dressed thugs and quick change house looters go here and there unmolested the year round and never work. It is time to get rid of the street-walking gangs of immoral women too...Mrs. Kate Garrett, who was accidentally shot with a pistol in the hands of another at Midlotheon last week is here taking treatment under Dr. Bryant at the residence of her brother, E. G. Williams, on Boll street...The nurse training school shares are all about taken up and the promoters are to be congratulated by the citizens...The Law and Order League has had some excellent speeches delivered at their mass meetings. Now it is up to every one to pay his poll tax and meet the issues in the coming elections. We note that some of the young men here are trying very hard to get away from their old haunts and associates. They are joining lodges and social clubs of the right kind, which are very helpful to the best citizenship. It pays to emulate the best of men. On the other hand it brings disgrace and sorrow to many homes when boys and girls go to the wayward ways of the fast livers and spendthrift class and die only to be deserted in their last hours of affliction. Then the very people who were almost walked over are expected to contribute to a fund to bury them decently.

GREENVILLE, TEX.

Special to The Freeman.

Mrs. T. H. Howard of Hampton, Ohio, who passed through our city last week en route to Sulphur Springs to attend the funeral of her mother, spent several hours at the home of Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Laura White...Mrs. Edith McKown has returned home from West, Tex...There were two fires in our city last week. Between the hour of 11 and 12 o'clock Wednesday night the beautiful home of Dr. G. H. Conley caught fire and before the doctor was aroused the fire was beyond control of the department and was a complete loss. The house was a modern structure and had been completed only a short time ago. It was valued at $1,800 and was insured for $1,000. The furniture was valued at $1,000 with $500 insurance. Saturday, December 12, Ike Shaw's home caught fire from a defective flue and destroyed the structure. The household goods were saved by his many friends...John Amos has been ill...Mrs. Mack, mother of W. M. McDaniel, is very sick...James Hudson, who came up from shcool at Marshal to visit his mother, has returned back to school...T. W. Holloway was in Fort Worth last week, where he attended the baseball managers' meeting. Mr. Holloway plans to have the best team in this State next season...S. M. Kinchlow, R. Wright, W. M. Geder and Willie Williams were initiated into the mysteries of the Knights of Pythias Friday night.

LOGANSPORT, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

Relatives and friends of Rev. John Ferguson received the sad news of his death at Franklin, Ind., on the 15th. Mrs. Elwood Winslow, niece of Rev. Ferguson, attended the funeral...Mrs. Wesley Gray, who has been sick, is somewhat improved...Rev. Craven and Miss Janet Jones attended the quarterly meeting in Peru Sunday. Rev. Craven preached the sacramental sermon for Rev. Jones...The adult choir is preparing to render some excellent music on December 27...Miss Pet Gilmore is having quite a success in the sale of her book known as "The Life and Works of Paul Lawrence Dunbar."...Rev. Craven went to Lafayette Monday to meet the committee of the District Conference...James Carter is quite sick with plural pneumonia at his home in Melbourne avenue...Mr. and Mrs. Clayborn Lewis, who have been ill, are improving nicely...The three trustees of Bethel A. M. E. Church were installed Sunday evening by the pastor for the ensuing year. They were G. C. King, A. J. Allen and Norris Lewis...Frank Taylor of Grand Rapids, Mich., spent a few day isn the city last week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Taylor. He left Monday morning for Frankfort, Rockville and Terre Haute...Miss Celia Parker will spend Christmas in Crawfordsville, the guest of Ethel Davis...Dorothy Johnson will spend the holidays in Detroit, Mich. She will leave next Thursday with her grandmother, Mrs. Evans, of Fountain City, Ind., who is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Johnson.

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KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Special to The Freeman.

Miss Laura Williams will have to be taken to the Blue Star colony to be treated for tuberculosis. Miss Williams, who is an intelligent young woman, has supported herself by acting as a nurse maid. She is now at Borgess Hospital without a home or relatives. She needs the help of the colored people in Kalamazoo...Mrs. Sarah Hinman has been visiting friends in Chicago and has returned to her home...The Concert Hall Skating Rink has closed...The Odd Fellows gave a necktie social Friday evening...The A. M. E. Church will have a large program Christmas eve...Mrs. Pearl Ralston has started up a lunch house...There will be a Christmas ball given by the young men of this city. Bert Thurman, H. Cross, Geo. Gough and Walter Butler are the promoters...Chas. Brown of South Haven was here visiting for a few days.

QUINCY, ILL.

Special to The Freeman.

The Crystal Chapter No. 8, O. E. S., elected officers as follows: Mrs. F. P. Monroe, R. M.; Mrs. W. H. Turner, R.P.; Mrs. Mary Tate, Acc. M.; Miss Amandia Robinson, Cond.; Mrs. Manil Turner, Acc. Cond.; Miss Dora Robinson, treasurer; Mrs. Mattie Lilly, secretary. They held their installation with the Unity Lodge No. 16, A. F. & A. M., last Friday evening. Refreshments were served...Oliver Jackson has returned home from a visit with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Freeman of Jacksonville...Mrs. Elizabeth Munroe of Kansas City is spending a few weeks with her sister, Mrs. Henry Thomas, on North Sixth avenue...The Cytation Club donated $18 to the Bethel A. M. E. Church for coal...Both clubs had good attendance last Sunday...Eighth and Elm Street Baptist Church will begin revival after New Years...Rev. T. L. Smith is looking for his son home from the West.

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LATURA KILLS THREE MEN

GOES IN ASHFORD SALOON AND OPENS FIRE

FOUR OTHERS VERY BADLY WOUNDED

Desperate Character Shoots Man Down; Steps Over Victim And Kills Another—Refuses to Give Reason for Deed.

From the Memphis Commercial Appeal, December 10.

Armed with a 38-caliber Colt's automatic pistol, Will Latura, a noted police character wit ha long criminal record, walked into Hammett Ashford's saloon, Fourth street and Beale avenue, at 11:50 o'clock last night, and taking deliberate aim, shot and killed three Negroes and seriously wounded two others.

The dead:

Bob Carter, alias "Speck," 32 years old, Gayoso avenue.

Charley Miller, alias "Long," 238 South Third street.

Clarence Allen, alias "Candy," Monroe avenue.

The wounded:

Leslie Williams, 719 McKinley street. Seriously wounded in the hip.

Birdie Hines, 317 Gayoso, shot in leg and arm.

Richard Slott, 131 Short Third, shot in left arm.

Robert Spect, 204 Gayoso, shot through head; will die. At City Hospital.

Latura was later arrested in company with Punch Wilson, at the Rosebud saloon, opposite Persica's, Hernando street and Gayoso avenue, and locked up at the police station. He refused to talk when questioned by the police officials.

Closely followed by Punch Williams, with whom he had been drinking all evening at various resorts in the Tenderloin, Latura sauntered into Ashford's barroom shortly before closing up time last night.

GAVE NO WARNING.

"I'm just going back to the washroom a minute," said Latura to George Harris, a Negro bartender, as he passed through the barroom into the poolroom in the rear of the saloon.

Walking leisurely into the rear room, where half a dozen Negroes were playing pool, Latura leisurely unbuttoned his long overcoat and whipped out a pistol.

Without a word Latura glanced around him, and began to fire as he walked around the two billiard tables. "Speck" Carter and "Long Charley" Miller were playing pool at the first table.

Leveling the pistol, Latura fired a shot at Carter and turned the smoking weapon upon Miller, who was employed as a porter at the Ashford saloon. As the Negroes fell to the floor, each mortally wounded, Latura stepped over the prostrate forms of his two victims and singled out Clarence Alen, proprietor of a Negro saloon on Monroe avenue, known as the "Bon Ton." Allen had been standing near the door leading from the saloon into the poolroom and started to run when he saw Latura fire. As if designing his purpose, Latura turned the pistol upon Allen and shot him. Staggering backward through the door, Allen groped his way behind the bar and fell dead.

Looking about him, not satisfied with what he had done, Latura saw Williams crouching behind the ice box in the barroom and fired at him. The bullet struck the Negro in the hip, inflicting a serious wound. Seeing that Williams was not fatally shot, Latura opened fire upon him again as he lay writhing on the barroom floor, when an unidentified Negro woman threw herself over his body, receiving a second shot meant for him.

WAS WITH PUNCH WILSON.

Before he left the scene of the tragedy Laturn was joined by Punch Wilson, a former companion and employe of the late Mike Shanley.

Wilson walked into the barroom and surveyed the victims of Latura as they lay bleeding on the floor from mortal wounds.

He remained in the room for five minutes after Latura walked out of the barroom.

George Fitzhugh, a Negro, 350 Beale avenue, was standing in front of the Ashford saloon when Latura walked out, still clutching his pistol in his right hand.

"Don't you move, Fitz," Latura remarked, "for if you do, I'll shoot you, too. I've got another shot left in here."

With pistol in hand Latura walked down Beale avenue to South Third street, and down the east side of South Third street until he came to the Rose Bud saloon, Third street and Gayoso avenue. Before he reached the saloon, where he was arrested soon afterward by Sergeant Mike Kehoe and Patrolman Covey, Latura threw his pistol into a trash pile near a wagon yard.

Latura was standing quietly in front of the bar in the saloon with a half-emptied glass of liquor before him when Sergeant Kehoe walked in at the door.

Before Sergeant Kehoe reached him Latura held up his hands.

"Don't shoot me, sergeant; don't kill me. I'm unarmed and I'll give up."

BEGGED FOR HIS LIFE.

Less than an hour after the shooting Sergeant Julius Brett and Detective Tom Shea arrested Wilson in the same resort, where Latura surrendered a short time before.

Wilson was found hidden away in a coalhouse in the rear of the Rose Bud saloon, hiding behind a barrel. He resisted arrest and the officers were forced to use violence in overpowering him before he submitted.

Three charges of murder have been placed against Latura on the regular docket at police headquarters, while Wilson is being held on the secret docket pending further investigation.

Both Latura and Wilson refused to discuss the affair.

"I shot 'em, and that's all there is to it," mumbled Latura as he was led to a cell.

Bill Latura has been a familiar character to the police for six or seven years past. His first offense, as far as the police records show, was the killing of D. S. Wright six years ago. Wright was an ex-fireman, and it is said that he was

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PREPARING FOR SMART SET

Louisville Society Will Entertain Favorites in Royal Manner

The "Smart Set" company will be here January 17 at the Avenue Theatre. They will be headed with Dudley and J. Ed Green. It has been thoroughly demonstrated that we are friendly with that class of professionals who come constantly before the footlights showing the brighter and higher side of Negro life. We will say in advance that if the "Smart Set" is not a good company this year, the "brother" may not take kindly to it. Such a warm pace has been set by recent performances of "The Red Moon" that many have been spoiled and declare that they want to see something equal to or as good as the "Moon." Maybe with the addition of our friend Mr. Green, the company is better than ever. We will wait and see.

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Mrs. W. D. Johnson, wife of Editor Johnson of the Lexington Standard, is quite ill in this city.

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Pro. and Mrs. F. S. Delaney of the Blind Institute will entertain Miss Edna King of Cincinnati during the holidays.

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C. H. Bullock of the Young Men's Christian Association is preparing to have a big membership meeting at an early date.

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Miss Ella Wharton, one the leading young society girls of Cincinnati, is expected in the city during the Christmas holidays.

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The Rev. L. G. Jordan, secretary of the Baptist Foreign Mission Board, is in Atlanta, Ga., representing his work. He is expected home this week.

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Misses Laura Smith, of Lexington, Ky., and Nettie Selkirk, of Cincinnati, Ohio, will be the guests of Mr. Cassius Smith during the Christmas Holidays.

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Miss Jennie Porter of Cincinnati will be the guest of Miss Mary V. Hicks. A number of socials have been planned for the entertainment of Miss Porter.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Montgomery and Mrs. Malinda Mason of Montgomery, Ala., who have been visiting here for several weeks, have returned to their home.

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Ed Lee, who was accidentally shot two weeks ago at his home, is much better and is expected to be out soon. Mrs. Laura Ross of Shreveport, La., the sister of Mr. Lee, is in the city on a short visit.

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Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Coleman of New York City are in the city. Mr. Coleman is a former Louisville boy and is visiting his mother and sisters at 731 West Walnut street.

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Miss Hattie Lattimore, sister of Miss Georgia Lattimore, will be in the city during the holidays. Miss Lattimore is from Shelby, N. C., and is prominent in society circles of that city.

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Miss M. M. Kimbell, who has been on the Missionary Field in Mississippi, under the auspices of the Woman's National Baptist Convention, is in the city the guest of Miss Nannie H. Burroughs.

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Miss Jane Johnson Simpson, a graduate of the Central and Normal Schools, is substituting at the branch library this week. At one time Miss Simpson was strongly endorsed for an assistant at the library.

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Miss Gertrude Payne of French Lick Springs, Ind., is in the city, the guest of Mrs. Canary Crutcher. of 818 West Walnut street. Miss Payne will most likely spend the winter season here. Her many friends have promised to make it pleasant for her during her stay in Louisville.

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Bishop Charles E. Woodcock, of the Episcopal Church, will visit the Church of Our Merciful Savior December 20 at 8 o clock p. m. A large crowd is expected to hear the bishop. A full vested choir will furnish the music for the occasion. The Rev. Ferguson is rector of the church.

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The colored shoe stor eat 726 West Walnut street opened last Saturday. Mr. Steward Board is the manager and he has had some experience in the business. With his tact and politeness and plenty of shoes for his new comers, the store is likely to be very successful. The Freeman is also for sale in this department.

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Report comes to us that Col. R. W. Thompson, of Washington is will be urged to make the principal address here on the One Hundredth Anniversarry of Abraham Lincoln. With President Roosevelt at the birthplace of the famous Kentuckian and R. W. Thompson in this city, oratory will flow as freely as the waters of the Luzon.

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The Hon. Nick Chiles, editor of the Topeka Plaindealer of Topeka, Kan., is being mentioned as one of the speakers at the Lincoln Day celebration, at one of the largest halls in the city. Mr. Chiles is one of the best platform speakers of the West and his coming here would be a great drawing card for the occasion.

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"The Western Girl," a melodrama, was staged this week at the New Pekin Theatre. It being a new departure in theatrical work seen at the new playhouse, caused a meagre number to witness the first performance. The usual faces were seen, but the change of costumes and introduction of new songs made the show pass off as usual.

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"The Red Moon" cut in so big here a few weeks ago that a number of people have sent in requests at the New York headquarters to have the company make a return engagement. It is to be hoped that they will return in the spring in time for the baseball season. A match can be easily made between the "Red Moon" Giants and the Louisville "Shoo-Flys."

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"Donors' Day" at Eckstein-Norton Institute at Cane Springs, Ky., will be held next Wednesday, December 16. Dr. C. H. Parrish, president of the institution, has sent out a number of letters asking all friends to donate to the school. A fine program has been arranged by the students and the day is expected to be one of pleasure as well as profit.

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While no definite arrangements have not been made to celebrate the 100th anniversary of Abe Lincoln, yet it may be said that some organization will at an early date consider plans to commenorate the noblest soul that ever lived in the state. Last year the anniversary of Lincoln was celebrated at the Chestnut Street Methodist Church, and it was an overflowing meeting. It is to be hoped that a similar one will occur this year.

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The Domestic Science Department of the Central High School will entertain the Louisville School Board on December 23. Misses Georgia A. Lattimore and Atholene Peyton will have charge of the dinner that will be served the board. The cooking for the most part will be done by the students of the cooking class that is far advanced in the culinary art. This particular phase of work at the high school is making great progress and is being highly commended by mothers and fathers who have daughters in the school.

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Your correspondent had the extreme pleasure, with the proper letters of introduction, to meet Mr. W. F. Wiley, managing editor of the Cincinnati Enquirer, last week, while there, the guest of Messrs. Cole and Johnson. We were shown all through this very large plant and saw the inner workings of this great daily paper. We left assured of the possibilities of becoming a space writer on the only five-cent daily paper in America. Mr. Wiley is a personal friend of Mr. Henry Watterson and Col. W. B. Haldeman of the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times.

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Several funerals have occurred in the city recently, at which time the ceremonies have been of unusual length. The deaths of these valiant Christian warriors have caused several ministers to participate in the ceremonies. By so many taking part, utilizing so much time, has delayed the corpse in reaching the cemetery until dark. This has occurred so often and so recently that the white undertakers who own many of the carriages have protested vigorously against the use of their vehicles from 1 o'clock in the day until 7 o'clock at night.

With these conditions of affairs starring the brother in the face, and the burying of the dead at night, those persons who have charge of funerals these winter days should think and act.

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A report reached here today from one of the white politicians that a Kentucky Negro will get something big from the hands of Mr. Taft. It seems that from wnat can be learned the "Five Black Officeholders" at Washington will be given a shakeup before many moons. It is a well-known fact that in a conference at Hot Springs a few weeks ago, Mr. Taft has promised that his Kentucky brethren who were with him in the heat of the fight will be remembered at the "pie counter." Those who have watery mouths are Messrs. W. D. Johnson, Albert S. White, Dr. E. E. Underwood, N. W. McGowan, Editor Berry, W. A. Gaines, A. B. McAfee, Rev. P. H. Kennedy. Rev. John E. Wood and Ed Lane.

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Although Louisville and the State of Kentucky are known all over the world as the place to get your mint juleps and high balls, not to say old-fashioned toddies, yet in the State out of 119 counties there are but four that are wholly "wet." Twenty-one are partially "wet," while 93 are dry, so far as the law is concerned. This is the condition in the State that produces millions of gallons of whiskey every year and supplies a greater part of the world's demand.

The Anti-Saloon League and the Prohibitionists are not through with the State bv any means. Forces are at work right here in Louisville preparatory to further the fight. The whiskey and saloon people are not asleep. They have headquarters and are determined that Jefferson, Campbell, Kenton, Fayette and McCracken will remain "wet," as they are the county seats of the largest cities in the State. The battle will be waged and the "brother" will play a conspicuous part in the battle.

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The colored library last week. received so many callers for the last month's issue of the Century Magazine that the librarian had to order more copies for the patrons. A boy reading the above magazine found a story in poem verse of the Negro as a singer. The boy was so much carried away with its rythm, music, style and truthfulness that he called the attention of the librarian to the poem. Immediately others began to read it and it was found that it was from the pen of James Johnson, brother of Rosamond Johnson. Many requests have been made to know more of the author an dwe have for the benefit of the library patrons found the following: Mr. James Johnson was born in Jacksonville, Fla., and attended the public schools of that city. Se graduated with honors. Later he attended Atlanta University and finished this institution with honors. Returning home he became principal of the public school for eight years and during this time the school reached its greatest height of success. Mr. Johnson was always interested in poetry and possessed a natural ability in this direction. The one feature of his early career was marked by hard study and research. He thought there should be nothing in the realm of music or poetry he should not know.

"Work and research" was his motto. Several years ago Mr. Johnson went to New York City and became associated with his brother Rosamond and Bob Cole. These three indefatigable workers formed a trio in that great city that was never surpassed in furnishing the world songs and ballads. They produced the "Bamboo Tree," "Congo Love Song," music to "Humpty Dumpty" and other well-known songs that are known to every singing American. During his stay in New York, Mr. Johnson took a special course in literature at Columbia University. Being a brilliant and an intelligent man, he became master of several languages and later made a study of the diplomatic relations between America and other countries. At this period, he became well known and popular and was endorsed for minister to Puerto-Cabello, Venezuela. Se has been serving at this post with distinction and credit for three years. His services have been of such excellence that recently he was appointed to Corinto, Nicaragua. Owing to the mixup of affairs and the bubonic plague at Venezuela, he is still transacting relations for that country and has not been able to fill his last appointment. We especially call attention to the readers of The Freeman of the Century Magazine containing six stanzas under the caption "A Black and Unknown Bard." The poem is copyrighted, otherwise we would be pleased to see it appear in this issue of The Freeman. It is a poem showing that the Negro has sung his way through wood and stone to Christ.

CARY B. LEWIS.

DR. S. S. DUPEE.

Dr. S. S. Dupee, a prominent politician of Evansville, Ind., and probably the most competent citizen of "the Pocket City," from a financial viewpoint, and also the Chief Grand Mentor of the International Order of Twelve of the Knights and Daughters of Tabor, stole into our city November 5, held a special session of the fraternity at the Ella E. Faison Hall, and slipped out of town as secretly as he came in. But at last the secret has leaked out.

For ten years, Rev. B. F. Farrell, pastor of Paran Church on North Senate avenue, held the reins of leadership of this order, and not until the session held at Terre Haute in July of this year, when the International Vice Grand Mentor made his appearance, was his leadership dethroned and the confidence of the confiding daughters in him shakened.

S. S. Reid, of Marshall, Tex., the International Vice Grand Mentor, a man of scholarly ability and a close observer, was quick to take in the situation and reach the conclusion as to why the order in the State of Indiana was on the wane and minced no words in enlightening the members. As a consequence, when the election of officers came, Farrell was snowed under and Dupee was elected by a big majority. It is said on good authority that Dupee beat Farrell fairly during the election held in this city in 1907, but was counted out by trickery. Of Dr. Dupee, with whom we are personally acquainted, we can say he is a splendid business man, and as his success in nine years as a physician and surgeon in Evansville is prima facie evidence, and if his leadership is adhered to the order will soon be upon a high pinnacle. His home is the most beautiful of any owned by colored people in Evansville. It is a large two-story structure, on one of the most popular thoroughfares of the city. His home is the only one among the colored people possessing all the modern improvements.

But we must get back to the special session of November 5. It is said that Dr. Dupee, acting in his official capacity, on learning that a big sum of money of the endowment fund had been embezzled by the secretary, revoked the endowment until the sitting of the next session of the Grand body, which will be in 1909. The subordinate officers of the State, not knowing just the details of the revocation proceedings, petitioned for an extra session to have the matter threshed out. Their prayers were answered and although the parties concerned were very much frightened, the financial differences were adjusted, the endowment reinstalled and everything now seems to be moving along in peace and harmony.

The Knights and Daughters of Tabor is an organization which should have the respect and appreciation of every member of the Negro race. Its manulistic and ritualistic work is the offspring of that sainted hero, Moses Dickson, who toiled night and day to make it a success, and as a consequence its footsteps today can be found in thirty-two States of the Union.

Dr. Dupee is exerting every effort to make the order a success in Indiana. He has the ability to accomplish this end, if his votaries will follow his leadership and hold up his arms. Here's to the ultimate success of the doctor. Before concluding we must say this to the doctor's credit, that few Negroes have risen so fast to prominence and any degree of materiality as he has done in Evansville. From the very beginning of his practice he won the confidence of his people by his social disposition and acknowledged ability of medicine and surgery. Now he is the leading practitioner in his profession among the colored physicians and ranks with the best whites. He is also the political leader of the city among the colored people and is a member of the central committee.

JACKSONVILLE, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

An entertainment entitled "A Railroad Social," a doll contest, was held Thursday night, December 4, at the Bethel A. M. E. Church by the Blue Ribbon Club. Miss Alberta O'Leary is president and Miss Josie Waddie is secretary of the club. A musicale was also held and all on the program did remarkably well. The program consisted of the following numbers: Song, "Gloria," Misses Alice Johnson, B. Ross and Cliota Hill and Bertha Trumbo; prayer, Rev. Christy; cornet solo, Carl King, accompanied on the piano by Alberta O'Leary; vocal solo, Ada Bell; instrumental solo, Roy Reveris; vocal quartet, "Lead Me Gently Home," Misses Bridy, Ogsby, B. Ross and Nina O'Brien; vocal solo, Miss Josie Waddie; violin accompanist, N. Reveris; piano accompanist, Alberta O'Leary; vocal solo, Minnie Jackson. The new department of the church was opened and was prettily decorated with blue and red. Miss Carrie Ogsby had charge of the St. Louis hot fish booth. The Baltimore hot oyster soup booth was in charge of Misses Mazie and Grace Roberts. American ice cream was in charge of Mrs. Carrie Burton. The decorations were light blue and white. California fruits, bannanas and peanuts; decorations were red. Blanch Oliver and Carrie Trumbo had charge of the California fruit booth. Misses Hortense Oliver and Lillie Coleman had charge of the Japan spachetti booth. Misses Ada Bell and Mollie Allen had charge of the Chicago soda pop booth. The decorations were red, white and green. Misses Bertha Trumbo and Alice Johnson and Cliota Hill had charge of the African popcorn booth. Three prizes were offered, one for the person selling the greatest number of tickets and soliciting the most money. The first prize was a beautiful big doll and was won by Miss Josie Waddie, who raised $13.60. The second prize was won by Miss Grace Roberts, who raised $12.85. Miss Minnie Jackson won the third prize, she having raised $2.89. All three prizes were big, beautiful dolls. Miss Mazie Roberts sold $2.80 worth of tickets and was awarded a beautiful cup and saucer as a prize... Miss Gertrude Hall of St. Louis, Mo., is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Taylor, and other friends... Mrs. Abner Strong and daughter Ethel have returned home from Missouri after a pleasant visit... Miss Jessie Carter, who has been ill, is able to be about... Baptizing was held December 6 at the Mt. Emory Baptist Church. Peter Dealy was baptized as was also Samuel Johnson... The C. W. B. M. meeting was held December 2 at the Second Christian Church with many members present and an interesting program was rendered by Mrs. Richards, the president. Bible reading and prayer were held. Mrs. A. Dabney had a good paper on "C. W. B. M. Work."

MINEOLA, TEX.

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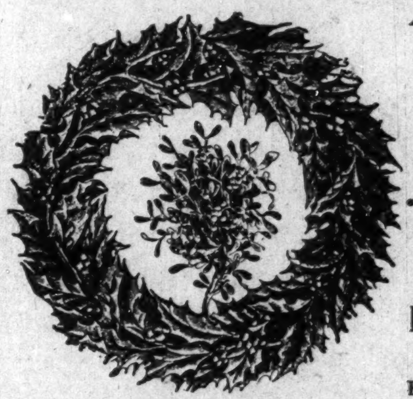

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Hotel Notes.

By W. Forrest Cozart.

Every waiter should subscribe for The Freeman; only $1 until the first of January. Subscribe now.

It is announced that President-elect Taft will spend several weeks at the Bon Air Hotel, Augusta, Ga., recuperating his health. Look out, boys; be on your guard.

The Leland Hotel, Springfield, Ill., will soon be ready to open. This will help relieve the dull season in that city, and will as usual be run on both plans, and the same officials will be in charge.

Hon. Judson Harmon will be inaugurated Governor at Columbus, Ohio, January 11. The meeting of the Legislature will go a long ways to help the waiters out after a long and dull season.

The hotel on the summit of Lookout Mountain near Chattanooga, Tenn., was recently totally destroyed by fire, which removes one of the famous resort hotels of that section which has always been a white elephant.

H. D. Miller and not H. D. White will be second waiter at the Alcazar Hotel, Jacksonville, Fla., this season. Mr. Miller was formerly secretary of the Head and Side Waiters' National Benefit Association. Hs is now president of the Head and Side Waiters' Local at Atlantic City.

The railroad porters and dining car waiters running west out of Chicago are complaining because the bottom seems to have fallen out of business at this period. Judging from reports received by the editor, the bottom has fallen out of business everywhere, the election of Taft notwithstanding.

On arriving in Washington Senator Foraker announced that he intended to push his bill for the re-enlistment of the colored soldiers. Senator Foraker thinks more of our race than do a large number who in the recent election fell over each other to vote for the people who were working to down the Senator because he had the courage to say "no" when President Roosevelt said "yes." Now watch some of these same traitors yell for Foraker!

Will Massey Henry has been elected president of the senior medical class of Howard University. Mr. Henry is well known among the waiters of Atlantic City, and during the summer for several seasons worked as waiter at the Haddon Hall, where he is highly appreciated and respected. Mr. Henry is also president of the Asbury Literary Society in that city. That he has a host of friends in Atlantic City was evidenced last summer when he won $25 in gold as a prize for the most popular student in Atlantic City. The editor predicts that Dr. Henry will be one of the brightest stars in the galaxy of the medical profession.

The Atlantic City local of the National Head and Side Waiters' Association has opened handsome club rooms at 25 North Kentucky avenue, where they have pool tables, a reading and writing room supplied with the daily papers and leading magazines, also a lunch counter and rooms for whist tournaments. The officers of the local are: Howard D. Miller, president; Robert Sprinstine, first vice president; Isaac J. Curry, second vice president; Wm. H. Fuller, third vice president; Abraham H. Jackson, financial secretary; Henry B. Jackson, recording secretary; Benj. F. Parker, treasurer; Raymond T. Trusty, chaplain; Wm. P. Davis, sergeant-at-arms. Board of management: Harry C. Green, chairman; Geo. W. Newton, John H. Stewart, Henry B. Jackson, Griggs D. Bryant, Wm. C. Trueheart, Benj. F. Parker, Henry Smith and Ernest J. Sears.

Will the colored man ever learn to play politics successfully like the white man? White men are found in all parties and all sides of every question. They play politics for all it is worth, even in their various organizations, and most especially in their labor organizations. Several years ago the labor organizations were recognized and Mr. Powderly was appointed to a fat position. During the late election these organizations played both sides and from Bryan they had the promise of recognition for a Cabinet position, while from the Republicans they had also promises of several important appointments. So it made no difference who won; their organization would be on top. In filling his ante-election pledges the President has recently given them three very important appointments — Mr. Donnelly has been made Public Printer and Mr. O'Keefe a $5,000 position also. Will the Negro sit up and take notice?

The trend of country hotels has long since been toward girl waiters. The best hotels in all the large Eastern cities and many Western hotels employ white waiters. So it has been the cheaper hotels of these cities and the hotels in the second-class cities which have given employment to colored waiters. There now seems to be a tendency to further supplant the colored waiters in their former strongholds. In these hard times, in which there is a battle for bread, it behooves the colored waiters to be up and doing. Hold fast to that which you have, putting a united effort to excel and please. There was a time when the average working class of white women and men would not accept a waiter's position, but with a tremendous influx of immigrants and a general wave of financial troubles and panic, like a drowning person, everyone is grasping at whatever is in sight. Again I say it behooves the colored waiters to be up and doing.

When we look back over the field at the ex-headwaiters and old and broken down side waiters, we are very forcibly reminded of the grand opportunities these men let pass in their days of prosperity when they were surrounded with friends by the score. But now in the evening of their days, with life's burdens and adversities, deserted by their former friends, they present a picture which is really sympathetic. They are ignored, neglected, turned down, and tossed upon the angry waves of cruel humanity, until exhausted, and sink out of sight—gone and soon forgotten. But too soon there are others and others following in their footsteps until they have gone the rounds and they too sink out of sight. Dear reader, is this not a sad picture? And while it is not yet too late, will you not profit by these object lessons? Will you not make an effort now to prepare for your old days—prepare for war in time of peace. DO IT NOW. Cut out so much good time and pleasure and lay up for a rainy day, so that you will not be tossed by the waves. DO IT NOW.

The seperate school question is now the absorbing topic in Philadelphia. It is claimed that a delegation of colored people started the agitation by calling on the superintendent of the public schools and asking for separate schools, their object being to open up a few good paying positions for some of their relatives and close friends as teachers. While Philadelphia has all mixed schools, both white and colored being taught in the same room and quite often sit together, it is a fact that nearly all the teachers are white. Several efforts have been made to have a few competent colored teachers appointed, but this has failed, because of the fact, as set forth, that few whites will send their children to a colored teacher. Each year colored boys and girls are being graduated from the high schools. Many of them go to college and then after graduating and qualifying as teachers, find the avenues in city schools closed to them. It is to relieve this situation that caused the agitation. While these teachers have the deepest sympathy of the majority of parents, yet they are opposed to separate schools for several reasons. Separate schools would give positions to a few, but the good thus gained would be greatly offset by the inferior schools and facilities and other discriminations against all colored children. Thus it will be seen that the interest and welfare of the many will be sacrificed for that of the favored few. Experience has also taught the colored people that in separate schools the best teachers are not always engaged for such schools, as favoritism and graft often place teachers whose moral character is not always the best, in these positions. While such teachers are an exception, such often happens. Public sentiment of two-thirds of the colored people is against separate schools.

CINCINNATI, O.

Special to The Freeman.

Campbell Clark, an old and highly respected citizen, departed this life on last Thursday, December 3. The funeral took place from the Zion Baptist Church, of which he was a faithful member for more than ten years. He was also identified with the board of trustees for eight years. Deceased leaves a brother, sister and a host of friends. The funeral sermon was preached by Rev. J. F. Walker, D. D., pastor...Rev. Nelson of Christ's Church will preach at St. Andrews Church, northeast corner Eighth and Mound streets, Sunday evening, December 13, 1908. Rector R. C. James extends a hearty welcome to all...The Antioch Baptist Church is progressing rapidly under the leadership of Rev. G. W. Wyatt, D. D...Rev. J. T. Moore preached for Rev. B. D. Scott, pastor of the Baptist church, last Sunday at Erlanger, Ky. Baptism at 3 p. m. Number baptized, 9. ...Mrs. Bowen has opened a first-class restaurant at 528 West Fifth street... St. John A. M. E. Zion Church is making rapid strides under its leader, Rev. Hendricks. The church is located in George street, near Mound...The recital given on the 19th by Mrs. H. C. Carr at Park Street Church was a brilliant success... Rev. Hendricks of St. John A. M. E. Zion Church made a flying trip to Bardstown, Ky., last week...Prof. Higgins, assisted by Miss Spaulding, gave a grand entertainment at Park Street M. E. Church under the auspices of the Minister's Helpers Club.

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The Rev. C. H. Thomas of the A. M. E. Church is doing a great work. He has organized both the young ladies' and young men's clubs here and the clubs are doing fine. Rev. Thomas has also added $3,000 worth of real estate to the church. The church will pay $500 down on the property, on which there are three good buildings. The church will get $100 more rent in twelve months than they have to pay out...Thursday evening the young ladies' club will give a social to raise funds to apply on the church's real estate. They will be assisted by W. E. Wilson, the magician. This will be his last appearance before the club, as he has quite a number of stage engagements. He will take the best he can get. Wilson is a favorite with the ladies...Mrs. Victoria Leslie has returned to her home on South Main street...The rally at the A. M. E. Church Sunday was very good. The amount raised was $143 and $200 subscribed.

THE FREEMAN IN NEW ORLEANS, LA.

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C. F. Dungill, Geo. Gough, M. W. Williams and F. W. Scott were in Battle Creek recently...Mrs. Sarah Thurman has returned from Chicago...Chas. Brown is visiting here from South Haven, Mich...There will be a Christmas ball given by Bert Thurman, George Gough, M. H. Cross and N. Sheppard...Mrs. Pearl Ralston has opened a lunch house. ...The Concert Hall Skating Rink has closed down.

NORTH VERNON, IND.

Special to The Freeman.

A reception was held Wednesday evening, December 9, at the church in honor of the fortieth wedding anniversary of Rev. W. S. Rollins and wife.

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The Negro doll is going, something like a big dose of medicine—take it all the same, because it is the best for you.

The detectives have been about as busy as the soldiers during their waiting period. Some took up residence with the discharged men in order to get on to Senator Foraker's correspondence with them.

Bill Latura, of Memphis, will have to be severely dealt with. His mankilling record is again him, he having killed three men, according to account, before his late venture in that city. Bill recently walked into a saloon in Memphis and shot seven Negroes, three of whom died. He beats a mob all hollow. It does not seem reasonable that he will escape the law this time.

The Jeanes Fund will have the distinction of being administered by the President of the United States when Mr. Taft assumes the duties of his office. Associated with him will be two Negroes, Bishop Abraham Grant and Booker T. Washington. The fund, which is $1,000,000, is for the benefit of the Negro rural schools of the South.

Mr. J. O. Thompson, of Richmond, Ind., who has done much traveling in Africa, informs the President that the greatest danger will not be from the big wild animals, but from poisonous insects. Mr. Roosevelt wants to know all about the pests; he has asked Mr. Thompson to inform him fully of them. It is not now that visions of lions and elephants that haunt his dreams; it is the pestiferous little unexpected.

The Negro Tuberculosis Congress which met this week at Tuskegee, according to the circular letter issued in its interest, will use its greater energy in an endeavor to stamp out tuberculosis in the South. As we see it, the greater effort should be spent in preventing the disease. Exposure to inclement weather, the wasting of energy through long hours, are things to be fought against. The rest cure is no myth, nor is it strange. Tired nature must recover; the doctor who sent the patient to bed with a sore finger was on to his job. Good health comes more through rest, non-exposure and cleanliness, than from physics.

It is understood that President Roosevelt will reappoint W. D. Crum as Collector at the Port of Charleston, S. C. One publication of the South had it not long since that the President was inconsistent in the appointment, holding it just as unreasonable for him to appoint a white man to the same position in Mound Bayou, a Negro city. It says that all of the greater interests of Charleston are by white people. Its consistency would mean nothing for Negroes, since all of the greater interests everywhere are by white people. A good deal of compromising will be necessary midst the very peculiar race relations.

Editor Trotter, of the Guardian, asks that the editors of colored papers urge the pastors to pray on Sunday next for the re-election of Senator Foraker and the retirement rehome hanraheme and the reinstatement of the colored soldiers. Since it is the Sunday after Garrison's birthday, which is December 10, he thinks it would be very fitting. The Freeman sees no reason to oppose the suggestion of Mr. Trotter. In compliance it also suggests that the pastors call attention to the things referred to, either mentioning them from the pulpit or in the prayers. This, as much out of respect for the herculean service rendered by Mr. Trotter as for the success of the Senator and the soldiers.

The Freeman has not deemed it wisdom to attack the President's position in the Brownsville matter. It has asked that the soldiers be restored to the ranks because he is able to restore them. This, of course, is based on the fact that only a few men were guilty at the very worst. The case is now beyond the pro and con stage. The question is restoration. Past investigation has done nothing toward furthering the status of the men. Really time is injuring their chances of appearing wholly innocent of the charge. The confessions, whatever they were, look bad, whether true or false. If they are false, then the very serious charge of an effort to sell their comrades stands against the "confessors," and which will not add glory to themselves or to their comrades.

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Waited long to see it comin';
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There is where amazin' grace is—
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City has the good time, too,
Yet, the country calls to you;
There it is you want to roam
In the frosty fields of "Home."
Hearty handshake, friendly faces—
Christmas in the country places!

Pile the ample oak logs higher!
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—*Atlanta Constitution.*

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Senator Lodge has it that the President has large powers as Commander-in-Chief of the army. Such being the case, he was not without authority in the Brownsville "shoot-up" case. Senator Foraker is of a different opinion, so there you are.

SENATOR FORAKER'S NEW BILL.

Senator Foraker has introduced an amendment to the bill providing for the re-enlistment of the Negro troops discharged without honor because of alleged participation in the affray at Brownsvills, Tex., and addressed the Senate concerning the amendment. He proposes, in his new measure, to establish a tribunal consisting of retired army officers, naming these officers in the bill, before whom evidence may be submitted as to the guilt of the defendants and before whom the defendants themselves might appear to answer the charges.

The measure is so drawn as practically to take out of the hands of the executive and give to a tribunal appointed by Congress full authority to consider the Brownsville question and by its findings provide for the re-enlistment of the discharged Negroes.

In addressing the Senate Mr. Foraker said it was an elementary proposition in American law, that the accused may have an opportunity to confront the accuser and to appear in person and answer evidence with evidence. He said he had not expected it would be necessary to enter on a new investigation of the Brownsville question, but that during the summer, letters had been coming to him from these discharged Negro soldiers declaring that detectives were constantly engaging them in conversation. "These men," said Senator Foraker, "are not secret service detectives, of course, for they would have no right under the law to engage in such services."

THE BROWNSVILLE "SHOOT UP" CASE.

That the President would act in the Brownsville matter was the expected. In fact, all along he has held out conditions for the return of the men, but they were such that they could not be readily complied with. When he asked the men to prove their innocence, it was a hard "proposition," the reverse of what is held in the ordinary courts of law. Yet it was a condition, showing that the President had the desire to treat with the men. His terms were strong, but a life was lost in the shootup, and, such being the case, the situation had to be dealt with in a fitting manner. The loss of life is no trifling thing. It means the charge of murder; it means that the authorities, whoever they may be, view such cases in no light manner. The trouble is that we are not inclined to see it in that light, rather holding that since guilt cannot be affixed that everything is serene. The Freeman has been inclined to see the matter from the "court's" viewpoint, and which court renders to the people an account of its office along the lines for which it was created.

But with all this concession to the court, and commendation of its vigilance, we hold with most people that the innocent have no right to suffer. When they do suffer it is rank injustice, unworthy of our high-toned notions of freedom. It is plain that in order to be consistent with court and people in such cases there must be compromises. The mob to a man will never be held guilty of stringing up its victim. In fact, this is so evident in some sections that deeds done by mob mean absolution for every particular member. The case is justly stated. And if it were lextalionis anent the Brownsville mob there would yet be something due on the Negroes' side of the ledger. We do not submit this as the logic of law, but as the logic of practice as she is. In the matter of compromise the condition might have just a little weight in event error is made on the Negroes' side in restoring the Negroes to the ranks.

Of course, this does not enter into the case with the President. He is influenced, we think, only by the fact that all the men were not equally guilty. He says: "For there were doubtless hardly any innocent but the less guilty from those whose guilt was heinous." The President is obdurate in sticking for the knowledge of conspiracy, yet he has no convincing proof of a general conspiracy. At another time he said that after the deed there was a conspiracy of silence. The printed report of the Senate's investigation said that the men were dumb when questioned directly on the affair, being versatile enough in everything else. We mean to say that unless the confessions spoke about shed light on the situation, the affair is as misty as ever.

The President has yielded some from his well-known position of opposition. In his special message to Congress he reviews in brief the case with a little added testimony, and apparently of great importance. The substance of his recommendation is as follows:

"I recommend that a law be passed allowing the Secretary of War, within a fixed period of time, say a year, to reinstate any of these soldiers whom he, after careful examination, finds to have been innocent and whom he finds to have done all in his power to help bring to justice the guilty."

It will be noted that he does not entertain the notion of pay for the time of idleness from the army. It is logical to hold that the things "restoration" and "indemnity" go hand in hand. In the matter of pay, most of what is expected will be to men who were not guilty. He has it that there were hardly any innocent, yet when he admits there were a few, perhaps, he leaves the gap open for a few more until most of them could work by under that head. The innocent surely are not entitled to suffer. Mr. Roosevelt knows this as well as any one; it is simply his precaution in daming up hope against the guilty. But since there were innocent ones, perhaps, by his own admission, they should recover all due to innocent men. The President holds that the punishment and crime is fairly squared, and by inference insists that the only reward is the opportunity to rejoin the ranks. Common law practice holds different. Where there is injury there is reward. The object is to restore the equilibrium there as elsewhere, giving back that which was torn away—it is the law of the universe, exhaustion and repair, waste and renewal. Indeed, the men will feel outraged, the innocent portion, if they are merely allowed permission to re-enter the army. Justification carries all of the elements. If they are denied money damages, back wages, the work of restoration is but half complete. The men will yet feel cashiered, censured when restoration implies relief from cashiering—censuring. In short, unless they go back when permitted by the terms, and which explicitly says that the Secretary of War may reinstate after careful examination those whom he finds to have been innocent, implying all the rights of innocent men. The advance, however, is great. The concession comes from the proper source. We doubt very much the hopeful fate of a bill that suggests a compelling power Two houses, a President with known views are a terrible gauntlet to run. Very much afraid that bills from other sources will never see the light. Senator Lodge has expressed himself on the question, holding that the President has acted within his rights. The standing of Mr. Lodge easily pairs Senator Foraker's. The Foraker bill, the old one, insists on pay. In his new idea, as yet, that feature has not been made public. It is not known that the proposed new bill includes the notion of pay. Judging by the Senator's past and by his interest in the matter, the thing of pay is a part of the new plan.

While congratulating the soldiers on what appears to be a satisfactory termination of the question, we include the idea of pay. It is to be hoped that the President will find it possible to make further concession. The actual money loss has been great to many of the soldiers who but illy fitted into the ways of the world after the years of enlistment. There's Sergeant Mingo covered with medals and honor for heroic service and long. Surely he will not be permitted to go back with his bare hands. Then there are many more Sergeant Mingos, just as worthy. The country is rich and great; it cannot afford to deny the soldiery, the chiefest people of a nation's greatness as viewed by the world at large. Japan is what she is owing to her military prowess, and England, and Germany, and France, all being rated according to the ability of defense. The rule applies here.

LATURA KILLS THREE MEN

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pretty handy with his gun. Latura was acquitted of the killing on the grounds of self-defense.

Several years ago a Negro met quick death at the hands of this now bad man, who again escaped through the old plea of self-defense.

Latura has been regarded as a fearless man and one who would not hesitate to shoot and shoot to kill. Only a few weeks ago he forced several fellow gamblers to return the money they had won from him at the point of a gun.

Last night's tragedy or rather slaughter has been expected. The police were prepared and no surprise was expressed.

Joe Mack, a Negro, 350 Beale avenue, who witnessed the triple killing, sent in a hurry call to police headquarters, and soon after Latura left the Ashford saloon.

Captain John Brennan, Detective Tom Shea and several newspaper men hurried to the scene in the emergency patrol wagon.

Angry crowds of Negro men and women, bent on vengeance, stood in front of the Ashford resort and thronged the streets.

The interior of the saloon, which a short time before was the scene of reckless revelry, had been converted suddenly to a veritable slaughter house. The floor of the barroom, where the body of Allen lay, face downward, behind the bar, was flowing with blood.

Writhing on the floor, near the inner door, lay Carter dying. Near him lay Miller, shot through the head, his wife bending over him.

The combined efforts of Patrolmen Covey, Pass, Roach and Stanfield, headed by Captain Brennan, were required to press back the crowds of curious Negroes who threatened for a time to force their way into the horror chamber.

A hurry call was sent to the city hospital, but before the arrival of Ambulance Surgean Sam Wadley and Dr. S. L. Edwards, it was found that Carter, Miller and Allen were dead.

A Negro undertaking firm took charge of the three Negroes, who had been shot to death.

Those wounded were removed from the Ashford saloon before the arrival of the police.

Robert Spect, 204 Gayoso avenue, the Negro shot through the head and believed to be mortally wounded, was hurried to the city hospital, where his condition is critical.

Leslie Williams, 719 McKinley street, shot through the hip and dangerously wounded, was removed to his home, where he was given surgical attention by Dr. G. E. Ankerson. His condition is serious.

Richard Scott, 131 South Third street, received a flesh wound in the left arm. His wound was dressed at the city hospital. The Negro was afterwards removed to his dwelling.

Birdie Hines, a Negro woman, 317 Gayoso avenue, shot in the arm by Latura while she was trying to shield Williams, was taken to her dwelling, where Dr. B. E. Ankerson attended her.

Joe Mack, a Negro, 350 Beale avenue, who miraculously escaped the bullets that were fast flying from Latura's pistol, was an eye witness to the shooting.

"I was standing at the pool table furthest from the door," explained Mack, "when a white man whom I recognized as Latura, entered the door. He came through the door slowly, looked around and began to shoot. I hid under a table or I think he would have shot me. I don't know how many times he fired. One of the boys whom he shot begged him, as he fell, not to shoot him again. Soon after Latura came in, another man walked in and stayed about five minutes and then went out. Then I called the police."

Charley Miller, 238 South Third street, one of the Negroes shot and killed by Latura, had been employed as a porter at the Ashford resort. He is said to have had a valuable watch and a large sum of money on his person earlier in the evening. His wife claims his valuables were stolen from him while he lay mortally wounded. The police are investigating.

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COMPLAINT FOR DIVORCE.

Angeline Brooks, vs. Geo. W. Brooks. } State of Indiana, Marion County, ss: in the Superior Court of Marion County, In the State of Indiana, No. 77,491.
Complaint Divorce.

BE IT KNOWN, That on the 8th day of Dec., 1908, the above named plaintiff by her attorney, filed in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of Marion Court, in the State of Indiana, her complaint against the above named defendant, George W. Brooks and the said plaintiff having also filed in said clerk s office the affidavit of a competent person, showing that said defendant, George W. Brooks, is not a resident of the state of Indiana, and said cause is for divorce, and that the above named defendant is a necessary party thereto, and whereas said plaintiff having by endorsement on said complaint required said defendant to appear in said court, and answer or demur thereto on the 5th day of February, 1909.

NOW THEREFORE, by order of said court, said defendant last above named is hereby notified of the filing and pendency of said complaint against him, and that unless he appear and answer or demur thereto at the calling of said cause on the 5th day of February, 1909, the same being the 5th judicial day of a term of said court, to be begun and held at the Court House in the city of Indianapolis, on the first Monday in February, 1909, said complaint and the matters and things therein contained and alleged, will be heard and determined in his absence.
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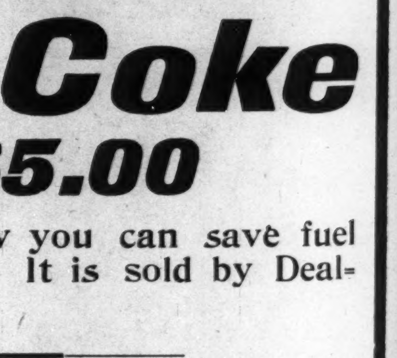

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Monroe Tabor, tenor, with the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, is making good with his new yodel intyrol.

The Lincoln Theatre, Knoxville, Tenn., has changed hands but the Gardiners are entertaining for an indefinite period.

Pearl Moppin of A. G. Allen's Minstrels sends regards to the Richards and Pringle Minstrels. Permanent address, Hazen, Ark.

Paul C. Floyd, formerly of Indianapolis, sailed from New York for Cuba on December 10 to be gone two months. He is playing in vaudeville this season with the "Sheath Gown Girls."

James Crosby, the popular comedian, and Arthur L. Prince, of educated hoop fame, both members of the Dandy Dixie Minstrels, left the show last week to witness the Burns-Johnson contest at Sydney, Australia.

Indianapolis claims to have contributed more successful Negro theatrical geniuses to the stage than any other city in the country, and it looks as if the record will bear out the contention of the Hoosier capital.

Harry A. Miller, the real tenor of the Miller Standard Comedy Quartet, writes that he is still with Stetson's U. T. C. Company and making good and pleasing the audiences. Regards to friends in and out of the profession.

J. Clark Jr. and wife of Louisville, Ky., joined Mahara's Minstrels at Marshall, Tex., the 16th. Mr. Clark has been engaged to produce and stage special numbers for this company. His wife, Viola Mason, will assist Nellie Alexandria, the leading soprano.

Will Goff Kennedy closed a three months' engagement December 5 at Cal. F. Johnson's Lincoln Theatre, Knoxville, Tenn., where he was stage manager, general performer and producer. He would be pleased to hear from friends. He is resting at his home, 407 Fourth avenue, Macon, Ga.

Frank W. Inman has just taken charge of the Ideal Theatre, Richmond, Va., and has engaged such talent as the Wiggins', Willie and Lena; Miss Gertrude Black, and Miss Lelia Jordan. Laura Henley and Prof. Curtis Jordan and orchestra would like to hear from all friends.

It may not be generally known, but it is a matter of history that Miss Henrietta Vinton Davis, the distinguished elocutionist, is descended in direct line from Charles Carroll of Carrollton, one of the signers of the Declaration of Independence, and the head of one of the first families of Virginia—an "F. F. V." unto the manor born.

Miss Carita Day, for three seasons the leading lady with Ernest Hogan, is making good in vaudeville, and has played several star engagements with Oscar Hammerstein, who is known to book nothing but "gilt-edge" attractions. Rumor has it that the charming Miss Day may join hands with her former chieftain later in the season, and put on a sparkling comedietta, bringing out the peculiar talents of each. Miss Day is a valuable asset to any company lucky enough to secure her services.

C. F. Berger, manager of Mahara's Minstrels, writes that Clay Clifton, the celebrated Southern tenor, has joined to take the place of Billy Young, who recently left the company, and with one afternoon's rehearsal filled the position of interlocutor very creditably. His singing is a surprise to all and he has a tenor voice of rare beauty. Mr. Damon thinks he is the equal if not superior to the greatest of all colored tenors, Wallace King. Mr. Berger also expects to fill, in a short time, with superior talent the positions recently vacated by Messrs. Young and Owsley.

The Le Vards, William and Beatrice, are now touring England in the Moss and Stroll circuit and are booked solid until April 14 with their new act entitled "Home From College," and carrying their own scenery. They are meeting with much success. The Le Vards will return to America in time for the circus season and Mr. Le Vard will have his band and minstrels with one of the large shows. Regards to all; a merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Pleased to hear from friends at all times. Address, 22 Derby street, Hulme, Manchester, England.

The Smart Set will surely fresco melancholy faces with smiles and send the blues back to indigo. Anyone who enjoys hearty laughs and musical numbers that are clean and bright will find these in that record-breaking success "The Black Politician." This comedy is of a laugh-provoking character, and is interpreted by a carefully selected company of colored comedians, headed by that noted colored comedian, S. H. Dudley, and one can look forward to a pleasant evening's entertainment at the Park Theatre next Thursday, Friday and Saturday with matinees daily.

W. A. Mahara writes from Chicago that it was with extreme pleasure that he read the note of Manager Voelckel, who believes he made two big "finds" in clever Billy Young and Tim Owsley, who recently joined the Black Patti forces at Dallas, Tex. If the other managers will note the recommendations of Mahara's Minstrels made by Mr. Voelckel they will know just where to place their hands on first-class talent at any time. This may handicap me for a short time, but as we are always in touch with only the best of colored talent we can easily fill all vacancies with less expense than other managers could, should they take the correct method in trying to secure desirable talent.

STILL IN LINE.

Cleveland, O., Dec. 15, 1908.

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DEAR SIR—I am dropping you a few lines to let you know that I am still alive, and I am enjoying the good news in The Freeman every week, which I get from your agent here. I have been working for the Savoy Amusement Company, which is located here, and I am more than making good with my singing and talking clown act.

Wishing you a merry Christmas, I remain,

Yours truly,
GORDON BUNCH.
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THE BLACK POLITICIAN.

There is any amount of legitimate fun, laughter, wit and endurable novelty in the new comedy drama, "The Black Politician," which has been selected to exploit the rare talents of the Smart Set company, the most incomparable band of colored comedians, dancers and artists in the theatrical limelight. This monster attraction which combines fifty people will be seen at the Park Theatre Thursday, Friday and Saturday, December 24, 25 and 26. "The Black Politician" is wedded to the most tuneful music one would care to hear and embellished with enough features to launch the most pretentious stage offering. The play is in three acts and deals with the excruciatingly funny efforts of an humble Negro to break into the annals of noted politicians.

S. H. Dudley, an old favorite, is the star, and as Hezekiah Doo is a victim of circumstances, the tool of two scheming jokers, Walkes Ties and Flossie Conn, relicts of a stranded burlesque troupe. Walker and Conn, in order to further their well-laid plans to corral a large roll of money so as to stave off probable starvation, use poor Hezekiah. To quote a popular expression, Hezekiah "makes good." As a reward he receives the hand in marriage of Palora Boreland, the daughter of one of the rival candidates, with whom he has been in love for a long time. The complications are side-splitting and interest is not allowed to lag even to the final curtain. The management has spared no pains nor expense in procuring an elaborate scenic outfit with appropriate stage settings and the costumes are lavish in the extreme.

THE PROFESSION AT MILWAUKEE

Joe Sims' Honey Bunch Minstrels last week played an engagement here at the Vaudette Theatre to a good business. The roster is composed of the following: Joe Sims, George Durham, Maud Grundy, the Perkin sisters, Mrs. Sims and the team of Mat Turner & Co. They were entertained Thursday evening by P. J. Cooper and members of the Cream City Band at the home of Mrs. N. J. Reed, 188 Sixth street. Refreshments were served and vocal and instrumental selections were rendered during the evening. Capt. Valle, the editor of the *Catholic World*, and Prof. H. S. Jones, president of the Cream City Band, made pleasant talks on the advancement of the stage and music.

P. J. Cooper has been appointed amusement director for the Catholic Mission by Captain Valle, the founder, and will be stage director for the Foresters' courts this season. If you are too busy, P. J. Cooper will order The Freeman for you one year; $1 until January 1, 1909; three months, 60 cents.

HARRISON BROS. MINSTRELS.

We are still in the Hoosier State playing to capacity at almost every stand. The production is one big hit and the stuff comes so fast that it keeps the audience laughing from start to finish. There have been many minstrel shows in this State, but the people here seem to take to colored minstrels. The cast is headed by Robert Clark, the lightning dancer and the funniest comedian with the show, whose looks and actions are a big laugh. Master Leon Lewis is a great drawing card.

The bunch are producers of bright melange of songs, dances and comedy and are bound to tickle the amusement-loving public. The musical program is melodious, and the show is full of wit and catchy songs. Miss Rebbue, who sings "Mandy Lane" and "Meet Me in the Rose Time, Rosie," assisted by the entire company, receives numerous curtain calls. Big Mose and his bady doll is a laugh from start to finish. Chas. E. Meyers is ahead of us, headed for Kentucky and Tennessee.

THE PALACE THEATER, JACKSONVILLE.

Miss Estella Smith is making good here with us, taking encores every night. Also Master Charlie Denslow and Clarence Turner are doing fine with their team act.

Miss Alberta Smiley and Miss Willie Greyton are with us; they are doing fine every night.

Joe Scrven, the self-made comedian, is taking three and four encores singing "You're in the Right Church But in the Wrong Pew."

Freedman and Brannan send regards to John Goodlow & Co. Also would like to hear from Joe Miller.

We now have an orchestra consisting of piano, Jessie Underwood; Oscar Hicks, trap drummer; Eugene Davis, base violin, and Prof. Love Lee, leader and violinist. Also Mr. Perkins, cornetist.

Our business manager, Irving Dixon, is doing fine with the clarinet in the orchestra. He sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

We are doing fine, playing to packed houses every night.

THE LINCOLN THEATER, KNOXVILLE, TENN.

Cal F. Johnson, proprietor of the Lincoln, is one of the most prominent colored men of the South. Although born a slave, Mr. Johnson possessed a rare business acumen that has enabled him to amass a fortune that ranks him with the richest colored men of the country. Recently, in his speech at the dedication of the colored Y. M. C. A. at Washington, D. C., President Roosevelt made honorable mention of Mr. Johnson as being the largest contributor, white or colored, to the Y. M. C. A. in the State of Tennessee. Besides possessing real estate to the amount of nearly $200,000 in the business center of Knoxville, Mr. Johnson owns a race track and his stables include twenty-five head of blooded racing stock. His string of horses is the envy of the South; he also has a stallion which took first prize at the World's Fair.

In speaking of his advent into the show business, Mr. Johnson said: "I opened my house for the benefit of my people to give them a chance to enjoy an evening's entertainment unrestricted by sectional lines." Then, smiling, he added: "But I think they ought to make me pay admission to my own theatre, for I get more real enjoyment from the performances than any one in Knoxville."

The plans for the New Lincoln have been submitted. It will have a seating capacity of 1400 with all modern conveniences, and will cost $35,000.

S. Tutt Whitney's new musical comedy creation, "The Strollers," reopened the Lincoln. Mr. Whitney and his brother Homer Tutt were seen in the leading roles.

ALLEN'S MINSTRELS.

J. B. Norton writes from Allen's Minstrels: We are still in Mississippi and doing a good business. All the boys will be ready to meet a merry Christmas. Our managers, Geo. W. Quine and A. G. Allen, have a great many valuable presents in store for the boys.

The show at this time is giving better satisfaction than it ever has before.

James Hamilton is singing "After All" with great success.

J. H. McCamron's big concert band is stronger than ever. Edward Johnson, solo cornett; G. B. Brooks, E flat cornett; Robert H. Gent, solo alto; Robert Miller, second alto; C. Adam Laruse, third alto; P. L. Jenkins, first trombone; Pearl Moppins, second trombone; William Fisher, euphaum; Joe Miller, tuba; Charles E. Rue, basedrum; Joe White, snare drum. Prof. J. H. McCamron is band director and he has spared no pains in securing the best and latest selections, something the public likes. selections, something the public likes.

The team of Speedie and Lee is a screamer. Speedie as a comedian is rapidly working his way to the front and as "Rastus" he is immense.

Joe White and Will Dodson made a trip to Jackson, Miss., last Sunday, December 13.

The weather has been very cold, but all the boys had made preparations for the cold weather. J. B. Norton says he don't care if it snows.

All the boys send regards to Charles McKenzie and R. O. Henderson. Billie Richardson, write.

TICK'S BIG VAUDEVILLE.

We did a tremendous business at Memphis last week. Showed to S. R. O. nightly. We played one of Mr. Goodloe's original plays, entitled "Going to War." Mr. Goodloe, the principal comedian and versatile producer, made them scream.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jennings are coming fast to the front. Mr. Jennings, the lightning buck and wing dancer, pleases every night.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Kidd Love sang "Are You Sincere" (Stern's song) and it was a scream. Mr. Love, the characteristic straight man, sung "Greasy Greens," George Center's original song. Mrs. Gussie Love, the Kentucky nightingale, brought down the house singing "When the Robin Sings Again."

J. H. Williams, late of A. G. Allen's, joined us last week singing "You Are in the Right Church But the Wrong Pew."

Last but not least comes Mrs. Goodloe, the queen of favorites, singing "Filipino Dance" and the house just yelled and screamed.

The Goodloes send regards to the Louisville bunch.

The Loves send regards to Mrs. Lena Halett.

Robert Hays, our mixologist, sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

Eugene Clark paid us a visit last week after closing a successful season with Howard's Great London Show.

IN DEHOMEY.

By JULI JONES.

The change from bad weather is good. It brightened up things and made Sunday look like the good old summer time. The Stroll was loaded Sunday, fourteen abreast. The show shops had all they could handle and a little more. Things have changed wonderfully and at all of the houses there are new faces. It is a question who is leading this week, the Pekin or the Grand. The Pekin always offers big association novelty acts, while the Grand offers popular small acts, and it seems that these small acts please the people better than the big acts.

THE PEKIN'S bill for this week is very good. The full orchestra is back in its seat once more and it helped out matters wonderfully. The show opened with Marsh Craig, America's greatest contortionist, and he is about the only Negro who can do this kind of work. There is no excuse to offer for Craig, as every feat was real. If the writer's mind teaches him right, this is the oldest Negro novelty act in the country. Craig played at Costers & Bills music hall in New York seven or eight years ago and met the approval of Chicot, the most severe critic that ever viewed vaudeville. He is the man that is now given the name as creator of works for the improvement of the vaudeville stage. Had Mr. Chicot been in to see Craig last night I do not think his opinion would have changed, as this young man went at his feats in the same modest way. There is nothing that a writer could say about this act, only to advise newcomers to take a look at Mr. Craig and don't present their novelties until they are dressed and well rehearsed, as Mr. Craig is the first real novelty Negro act that has shown up in Dehomey. This was followed by the Ferris sisters, a neat little tame act that didn't fit the orchestra. Next came Cora Swain with trained birds. This act was very good, no matter if bird acts are old. The counting and chime ringing of the birds was very clever. This was followed by Andrews and Randall, a colored sketch team. Their stuff was not up to the standard, and their songs were bad, but they squared up everything with their hot finish and well deserved their bow. Then came Tutt Suir Waris of the Japanese troupe, with two exceptionally clever children; yet there is nothing remarkable about them. No foreign act ever left or will leave its native land for other ports unless they have something to deliver. The appearance of this act and Craig on the same bill looks like bad booking. Either act would be a feature on any bill. There was too much novelty for a small show, yet the bill was very good.

THE GRAND offered a brand new bill from top to bottom and it was jammed to suffocation at every performance. The crowd got double its money's worth. Miss Lizzie Hart, the best singer that has ever appeared in Dehomey, left the house suddenly to go to another. The show opened with Miss Josephine DeVance, formerly of the Pekin stock company, and she stepped into the shoes of Miss Hart. This was not an easy feat, but Miss DeVance did well and will do better. Following this came W. H. Thomas, the black-face comedian. This was Mr. Thomas' first appearance, being single. He offered some new stuff and some old talk, so old it was new; it came from the backwoods and was old prayer meeting talk. What is the difference? It all went well with his new songs. Next came O'Neil and Ward with a very good talking and dancing act. This is a white act that does not use cork. These young men put an end to the fruitless talk that a white act could not make good in Dehomey. They simply set the audience wild with their talk, and stormed the house with their dancing. This act was followed by Lord Joe Simms, the knighted comedian. This engagement was being looked upon as the turning place for this young high roller, but he fooled all and came back stronger and saved the name in the big sign.

THE WASHINGTON has cut loose again and went all the small houses one better. It now has a stock company taht is headed by Jerry Barnes and Simon Dunsmore, formerly of Ringling Brothers circus. They presented "A Man Wanted," a one-act farce. It is out of the question to put on anything good on these small stages, but they did well. The ladies of the company did very good also, even if they were in the freak order in size. Jerry Barnes is a real funny man and would show to better advantage if Mr. Dunsmore would feed him faster. Mr. Dunsmore should write off his lines and learn to talk better if he intends to make a straight man. "A Man Wanted" just suited the house—anyway, they had a big crowd and the management seems to be pleased. Nobody ever knows what is coming next at the Washington; it is a house of ?????.

THE ROYAL. This is a house that has everybody up in the air, and the trio of managers are doing the laughing, for the bills offeerd at this house, when considering the size and location, are away over anything around here. There isn't a night that there isn't a double bill for one money, as on last night's bill appeared Miss Lizzie Hart, Dehomey's queen or the Cleopatra of song; Potocicoin Quartet; yes, the original Charles Gilphin, Mars Big Turnmen and the other acts. When the writer asked the general manager, Boss Bill Ingals, how she could afford such a costly bill, she answered "Don't let it worry you, kid," with a smile.

Tim Owsley, formerly stage manager of the Pekin Theatre, set the whole of Dehomey talking at once. Mr. Owsley left here to strengthen Maharra's Minstrels. We received the official news that Mr. Owsley handed out a grand change and a tripple cross and landed himself and the great famed Billy Young with the Black Patti Troubadours. "Tim ain't as foolish as he looks to be."

GEM THEATER, MEMPHIS, TENN.

This house is still meeting with success. "Rainbow," the Indian melodrama, by "Lulu Too Sweet," was a big success. Cast of characters is as follows:

Lady Marguerite	Elnora Hunt
Daisy	Trixie Colbett
Petunia, a Mexican	Jainie Mullen
Mr. Morris, an Englishman	Willie Owens
Big Chief Bull	John Moore
Sligo	Arthur Gaines
White Eagle, an Indian Chief	Hi Henry Hunt
Jake, a Negro Servant	Willie Perry
Rainbow, an Indian Princess	Susie Johnson

This week we present an all-star vaudeville company headed by Madam Elnora Hunt, the spotlight favorite, who is still taking two and three encores each night with her wonderful singing and dancing. Madam Hunt is late of the Hi Henry's Famous Octoroons and will be seen the coming season in the leading role with that attraction.

Miss Jainie Mullen is still taking the audience by storm in her wonderful male impersonation.

Now comes that big feature act, Hunt & Perry, in "The Bull Frog and the Coon," which is a scream from start to finish, with special scenery and electrical effects.

Eugene Clark of the well-known team of Clark and Hicks is in the city after closing a very successful season with the Howe Great London Circus at Cowen, Ga. He sends regards to all friends in and out of the profession.

The Hunts, Hi Henry and Elnora, are very busy rehearsing their new act, "The Lady and the Teddy Bear."

Miss Susie Johnson will present her Western drama, "The Queen of the Wild West," Christmas week.

Old Folks, the pianist, is still with us.

ROYAL THEATER, MEMPHIS, TENN

The Royal is putting on vaudeville and closing with a one-act afterpiece in one scene, entitled "My Friend," staged and arranged by Richard R. Matthews, Jr., stage manager.

James Edw. Simpson, monologist, the little fellow with the big feet, is doing his old monologue. You never know what's going to happen till it happens.

Bon Bon Buddy is doing the comedy in "My Friend." He sends regards to Geo. Jones, Ed Pete and J. W. Anderson.

Ada Harris, Alice Ramsey and Ida Gardner are still singing the late songs.

Miss Alice McQuiller is still singing illustrated songs.

Our amiable proprietor and manager, Mr. Tom Kinnane, had the theatre remodeled throughout and dressing rooms built on each side of the stage both up and down stairs. He also had three hundred dollars worth of new scenery painted. The scene painting was done by J. C. Boone, formerly of the Black Patti company. The carpenter work was done by R. R. Mathews, Jr.

Miss Willie Lou, our polite little ticket seller, was sick a few days with a severe cold, but we are glad to say that she is on her feet again and is back in the ticket office passing out the pasteboards with her ever little winning smile. Go it, Miss Willie.

Leroy Bland, Billie Earthquake and other good ones, write (business). Regards to the bunch.

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Is it worth while that we jostle a brother,
Bearing his load on the rough road of life?
Is it worth while that we jeer at each other,
In blackness of heart that we war to the knife?
God pity us all in our pitiful strife.

God pity us all as we jostle each other;
God pardon us all for the triumphs we feel
When a fellow goes down 'neath his load on the heather,
Pierced to the heart. Words are keener than steel,
And mightier for woe than for weal.

Were it not well in this brief little journey
On over the isthmus, down into the tide,
We give him a fish instead of a serpent,
Ere folding the hands to be and abide
Forever and aye in dust at his side?

Look at the roses saluting each other;
Look at the herds all at peace on the plain—
Man, and man only, makes war on his brother,
And laughs in his heart at his peril and pain;
Shamed by the beasts that go down on the plain.

Is it worth while that we battle to humble
Such poor fellow down into the dust?
God pity us all; Tim oft soon tumble
All of us together, like leaves in a gust,
Humbled, indeed, down into the dust.

—*Joaquin Miller.*

A company of progressive young men, with C. M. Hambrick as manager, opened up a large grocery store last month in Pensacola, Fla., with the prospects of success very favorable.

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When the race learns to patronize its own people in business, all things being equal, very soon they will have business concerns of their own that will be able to furnish employment to their boys and girls.

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The Mechanic Savings Bank, located at Richmond, Va., in a recent annual statement of its financial condition shows deposits amounting to $481,243.65. This bank is one of the strongest of the forty-six banks controlled and owned by the Negroes of the United States. John Mitchell Jr. is president.

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The Negroes in the State of Georgia own 18,700 farms and rent 72,139. In 1886 the Negro farmers of this same State returned for taxation 802,939 acres of farm land valued at $2,508,198; in 1906 they returned 1,420,888 acres, valued at $7,149,925—an increase of 76 per cent in acreage and 185 per cent in value in twenty years.

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Q. L. Gilmore, a funeral director of Denver, Colo., has been offered the managership of the Metropolitan Undertaking Company of New York City. This establishment is opened by the Metropolitan Insurance Company and they intend to place such establishments in all the large Eastern cities where there is a large colored population. These firms will have in connection with them a carriage and automobile line, which will use only colored drivers, and will be one of the largest of its kind in the world.

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The A. E. Makel Company, owners and managers of the Pioneer Afro-American Department Store of Philadelphia, owing to the increasing prosperity of their business during the past two years, feel that they are justified in moving into larger quarters. Therefore, they have purchased a large and commodious three-story building on Sixteenth street near South, which they will occupy as soon as their present lease on the store building they are now in expires. To pay for this new establishment, they propose not only to issue shares of stock to the amount of their present capital ($20,000), but also issue bonds to augment the amount to a half million dollars, redeemable in 3 to 5 years.

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An invidious comparison is sometimes made of the old and young Negro's industrious habits, much to the disadvantage of the latter. Let us see. Between the years 1879 and 1899, the older Negroes were probably at their best. The whole of the Negro's property in one State in 1879 was returned at $5,182,398. In 1890 it was returned at $12,322,003, a gain of $7,139,065, or 137 per cent increase in ten years. Between 1891 and 1906 the younger Negroes have been in evidence and property has increased from $14,196,735 in 1901 to $23,750,219 in 1906, an increase of 67.3 per cent, which would indicate that the young Negro is not so lazy and shiftless as some people say he is.

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ST. PAUL, MINN.

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James Watson has returned from Chicago, where he has just finished a course in electricity...St. Paul has no grocery store, no meat market, and no dry goods store controlled by our people. We have not united ourselves enough. Instead of building up one good company we have started many and the result was many have failed. There is a growing demand for all of the above enterprises...Gopher Lodge No. 105, I. B. P. O. E., held its memorial exercises at St. James A. M. E. Church last Sunday afternoon...St. Paul has quite an array of musical talent and could easily put on the road a very creditable concert company. Among our best and most talented singers are Mrs. R. C. Minor, Miss Harriet Loomis, J. A. White, Earl Walker and Craig Williams...The fair held by St. Peter's Claver Church last week was a success...The Negro Business Men's League will resume its meetings in the Elk's hall...St. Paul was "tagged" December 2 to the extent of $15,000 for the anti-tuberculosis fund. We were assured that there would be no color line drawn in this affair and many of our prominent women solicited funds on the streets that day. Miss M. B. Anderson filled several boxes...Rev. Horace Talbert, D. D., LL. D., of Wilberforce, O., has gone to Minneapolis after a pleasant sojourn in our city...The Social and Literary Club had a very large meeting at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Henry High on St. Anthony avenue Monday night of last week...Miss Florence Drake of Stillwater comes to our city every week to attend to her customers upon the "hill"...Miss Charlotte Gillard of St. Paul Park has been the stenographer for the Goldman Hair Parlors for the past two years...Mrs. Laguinia Williams won the $30 set of dishes given as a prize for the lady selling the most tickets for the entertainment given by the Household of Ruth...Miss Katie Johnson, a niece of Mr. Johnson of Edmund street, has recently entered the inner circle of the musical life of St. Paul. She is an accomplished accompanist...The Negroes in St. Paul are divided over the action of the Y. M. C. A. in excluding our people from its new building. Some advocate the erection of a separate building, while others insist that the present building be thrown open to us. Attorney B. F. Smith of Minneapolis bitterly arraigned Rev. H. S. Graves for his sanctioning the action of the Y. M. C. A. Several prominent Negroes have aired their opinions in the daily papers, while the whites are resting easily and apparently well satisfied with their action...Daniel Roy, an employe of the Northern Pacific for a number of years, is ill at the home of A. A. Cotton. ...Jonas S. Strong while alighting from a moving car fell and sprained his ankle. ...Little Willie Ward, an orphan, died in the City Hospital of consumption on December 4 and was buried on the 8th. Jas. J. Billups took up a collection and had the boy buried in a very respectable manner...Take advantage of the club rates. Call up Henry Crawford over the N. W. telephone and he will bring the paper to your home.

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SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

The reception tendered Mrs. Eva Monroe, State president of the Colored Women's Federation of Clubs, Monday, November 30, marked a splendid career and demonstrated the work of this noble organization, which was born here in St. Paul Church in 1899. The church was beautifully decorated in the club colors, and beautifully costumed ushers gracefully escorted the people to their seats. The ushers were Mrs. H. Tucker and Miss Clara Blackwell. At 9 p. m. Mrs. D. O. Yates of the program committee announced the opening ode, after which Rev. S. C. Manuel invoked divine assistance. The entire program rendered was a creditable one to our city, and special credit and a distinguished honor to our women and more especially the Woman's Club.

Mrs. J. C. McClain, in a few brief and select sentences, delivered the welcome address and briefly outlined the club work. Mrs. G. W. Jones, wife of Rev. Jones of St. John A. M. E. Church, read a paper which we say without hesitancy or reservation and without exaggeration, was a gem. Well composed and well delivered, grammatically and rhetorically, hers was superb—a credit to her sex and to our race. Misses Ethel and Edith White gave a piano duet. These young people showed superior musical proclivities—their technique and touch were of the classical trend. They promise to be superiors in the art that charms one's soul and enraptures one into ecstacy. The Misses McKinney are coming along in the same channel and with proper study and care will be musicians of the first rank. The vocal solo by Mrs. Nancy Brown, "Star of My Heart," capped the climax, and under her sweet and melodious, feminine bird-like voice the auditors sat enraptured. She was accompanied by Miss Armelia McKinney.

In responding to the encomiums and thanking the club for so highly honoring her, Mrs. Eva Monroe made a brief talk, which was concise, pointed and well said, an effort highly creditable to any lady. She gave a brief sketch of the club and asked the co-operation of her co-workers and officers. Her speech was fine. Mrs. Roie Hunter, on behalf of the club, presented Mrs. Monroe with a beautiful bouquet of flowers. Brief remarks were made by the visiting ladies.

After the conclusion of the program the audience repaired to the lecture room, where the banquet was served, consisting of a menu in three courses. About 120 persons were seated. Rev. T. Price offering thanks, the first course was served, and J. E. Thompson responded to the toast in an able manner. Others who responded were Attorneys O. V. Royall, A. M. Williams, Capt. R. A. Byrd, Rev. S. C. Manuel, Mrs. Gibson, Peoria; Dr. J. H. Magee, Rev. G. W. Jones, E. L. Rogers, Mr. Smith. This concluded one of the most creditable affairs seen in Springfield for several years, and demonstrated in deeds which are immutable and shall not pass away, the purpose for which this club stands.

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TUSCALOOSA, ALA.

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The North Alabama Conference of the A. M. E. Zion Church, Rt. Rev. J. W. Alstork, D. D., presiding, was in session in this city last week. A large number of ministers and lay delegates were in attendance. Rev. C. A. Smiley, pastor of the C. M. E. Church, delivered the welcome address on behalf of the city churches...Sunday, November 22, was Rally day at the A. M. E. Zion Church. The clubs reported nearly $300 cash, raised in a comparatively short time... On account of the city school building having been destroyed by fire, the children have had nearly two weeks' enforced holiday, but are now in school, the old colored Baptist church having been secured by the city, and the basement and upper floor both being partitioned makes eight large rooms. The parsonage is also being used...The stewardesses of the A. M. E. Zion Church served dinner and supper at the Masonic Hall on Thanksgiving day (as they have done for many years) for the benefit of their church...The Knights and Ladies of Honor gave an entertainment at the Good Samaritan Hall on Thanksgiving day...Miss Gertrude Bailey of Los Angeles, Cal., is visiting Mrs. Mary Patterson.

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HUMPHREY, ARK.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Our Sunday school is having an increase in attendance...Mrs. Adair, the wife of our distinguished doctor, has returned home looking much improved in health...N. E. Gross, our hustling meat market man, has moved his shop one block west from his old stand...Our church loving people have paid their different pastors liberally in rallies given this season...We are glad to learn that our race loving Tennesseeans are preparing to manufacture the black doll baby, because it won't take the writer long to learn how to play with one, since I was so quick to learn how to read The Freeman...William Spearman has ordered his lumber on the ground to erect a nice dwelling in the Promised Land City, a town for colored people only...Rev. G. W. Johnson, one of the regular readers of The Freeman, is now on the sick list. ...Mrs. Maggie Colon and family have moved in town...Henry Clemmons and family of Brinkley, Ark., have moved to our settlement and have bought a nice little farm...The young people of our town gave a Thanksgiving entertainment at the A. M. E. Church...Prof. J. B. Greer, our ex-postmaster, is traveling in the interest of our race talking insurance to them.

PIQUA, OHIO.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

After the local option election things have settled down to a more normal condition and everybody taken on a holiday stride with house parties and social functions....The teachers in the Park Avenue Baptist Church Sunday School are getting the children in line for Xmas and preparing to give them a treat of candy and nuts. The B. Y. P. C. E. is moving on under the leadership of Bro. Geo. F. Howe, president....Cyreme A. M. E. Church, with Rev. Dr. Maxwell, pastor, is progressing nicely. The teachers in the Sunday school are getting the children ready for Xmas entertainment...Mrs. Minervia Hall has gone to the hospital.... Nannie Delaney is seriously ill....Fred Huggard has just returned from Chicago after a pleasant visit....The young married ladies have organized a serving club. Mrs. Cad Kelly is visiting friends in Urbana, O....Mr. John Jackson will organize a musical concert company. Oscar Charen will be one of the leading men in the company....Read The Freeman every Saturday.

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Mrs. Lizzie Cooper sent last Friday in Ozark, Ala...Mrs. Minnie L. Prather attended the meeting of the executive board of the Benevolent Society in Eufaula last week. While there she was the guest of Mrs. Jane Wynn...W. D. Brundaga of Highland was in Troy last Saturday... Mrs. Mollie Laroach is having a new porch built to her handsome residence... George Andrews is a first-class shoemaker...Mrs. Exie Henderson spent last Friday at Youngblood...Rev. T. M. Moses of Birmingham preached at the First Baptist Church at 11 o'clock Sunday and at night Rev. Henderson of Birmingham preached...At a regular meeting of W. C. Murphree Lodge No. 223, K. of P., the following officers were elected: Prof. C. L. Jenkins, chancellor commander; John Matthews, vice chancellor commander; Rev. Alex Terry, prelate; C. W. Whitehead, M. of F.; L. W. Shields, K. of R. S.; J. R. Wright, M. of E.; Hon. D. D. Murphree, master at arms...The citizens of Troy met at the First Baptist Church last Thursday night for the purpose of organizing a company to operate an undertaking establishment. A. Pinkney, one of our enterprising business men, is at the head and success is assured...Mrs. Annie Holaway of Brantley is the guest of her sister, Mrs. A. A. Wiley.

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The concert given by the Sunday school children of St. Thomas Mission was a success and the two first prizes were given to Master Charles Edmoson and Miss Mary Marae, after which the little boys and girls served ice cream and cake to all present...It has been announced that Miss Blanch Fulp, the able Sunday school superintendent of St. Thomas Mission, will have to give up the work in the near future owing to her leaving the city for an indefinite period...Mrs. Amanda Hogan and Adam C. Houston were married on the 2nd. Rev. J. Gordon McPherson of Calvary Baptist Church performed the ceremony...The Star barber shop that was opened on the 5th by Thompson & Hyams is a credit to the city as well as to themselves. It provides a nice clean place for our young men...The Freeman will be on sale at the Star barber shop, 303 Second avenue, every week...St. Thomas Mission held its annual fair on the 15th and 16th. Don't miss it. Two little boys of Edmonson will appear in a four-round bout.

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CLARKSVILLE, TENN.

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Politics is very rife in this city. The municipal election is on and there are five candidates in the field. D. M. Qualls is the people's favorite because his policies are in favor of the colored man as well as the white man...St. John Baptist Church had their baptizing on the 6th. Rev. Huston Metcalf baptized eight... Robert Snorton is a lucky participant in the will of Captain Pat Henry of this city. Capt. Henry was a United States commissioner. Mr. Snorton was his servant for more than twenty years and the captain didn't forget Snorton, his old servant, in his will. He left him $300...Miss Alice Steele is improving very fast after a very severe attack of chronic indigestion... Mrs. Martin Proudy is recovering from a sore foot...Subscribe for The Freeman while it is only $1 per year, to January 1.

MERIDIAN, MISS.

Special to THE FREEMAN.

Rev. Lodge, a well-known colored preacher of Meridan, after a short illness died at his late home west of the city on December 3 and his funeral was attended at St. Paul M. E. Church on the 4th at 4 p. m. Rev. S. A. Cowan, the pastor, assisted by other preachers, attended the funeral. Deceased was a member of the Odd Fellows lodge, which turned out in a body. Interment took place at the L. S. and D. Cemetery...Rev. N. W. Wallace has returned to the city after being absent for several weeks...The two colored undertakers were kept quite busy the past week...Henry Saunders, who has been at Memphis, Tenn., has returned to the city...The Mark convention at New Hope Baptist Church on December 7 was quite a success...The body of Ella Smith, daughter of Mrs. Jane Jordan, who died on December 3, was shipped to Shueualak, Miss., for burial by the undertaker, S. A. Rivers.

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FAVORS REVISION OF STATE'S CONSTITUTION.

Enoch G. Hogate of the Indiana University School of Laws is of the opinion that Indiana's constitution is not what it should be; he is in favor of a convention for the revison of the constitution. Among the provisions Mr. Hogate hopes to see in the new constitution are: Educational qualifications for aliens before they have the right of suffrage; the lengthening of the biennial legislative sessions; the payment of a fixed salary for two years to legislators; power to the Governor to veto parts of appropriation bills; putting all state, county and township offices on the four-year basis; a complete working over of the judiciary by doing away with the Appellate Court and increasing the membership of the Supreme Court; the enlargement of court circuits and the erection of several judges in each circuit; the possible choosing of judges by appointment instead of by election; enabling verdicts to be reached in civil cases by three-fourths of the membership of the jury; qualifications for admission to the bar.

"We need a new constitution to untie our hands in many directions, and to arrive at judicial ends by quicker if not by easier routes, and to the better guarding of our capabilities on one hand, and to make them more effective on the other," Mr. Hogate explained. He said he was well aware that the making of a constitution was a dangerous experiment on account of the opportunities given for the injection into it of all kinds of harmful isms and doubtful theories, but he thought these mistakes could be avoided in Indiana by a careful consideration of the question by the best citizens. The danger of including in the constitution matters which could be taken care of by legislation was discussed, but Mr. Hogate believed the state of the public mind and the inclination of the political parties are such that a constitution could be constructed on broad, fundamental lines."

THE QUESTION OF COLOR.

The Charleston News and Courier discusses the President speech at the laying of the colored Y. M. C. A. cornerstone in Washington, commending all he said about the performance of duty and not the color of the skin being the universal test, and more in that vein. But the News and Courier thinks the President does not practice what he preaches. It cites what he said about Mound Bayou, Miss., which, twenty years ago, was a wilderness, and is now a town of 2,000 colored people, with forty-four business houses and an aggregate annual business of $600,000. It agrees with the President that this is a showing that means very much for the future of the colored race. It then speaks as follows:

"But what would the colored community of Mound Bayou have thought if the President had named as collector that port, if it be a port, or as postmaster of that town a white man simply because of the color of his skin? Would that have been fair treatment of the colored people of Mound Bayou? Yet that is practically what the President did to Charleston. Against the protests of the municipal authorities of this town, against the petitions of all the commercial and business organizations of this city, in defiance of the wishes of the General Assembly of South Carolina and of various protests made by commercial organizations in other parts of the country selected for an important Federal office here a colored man because of his color, and only because of his color—a colored man whose people have no business relations whatsoever with the office to which he was appointed. Was that fair treatment of the white people of this town? Doubtless the President could find among the white Republicans of Louisiana some man competent to fill the most important Federal office in Mound Bayou, but in such a selection he would have been violating not only his own high precept, but committing an act of deliberate hostility to the interests and welfare of that town.

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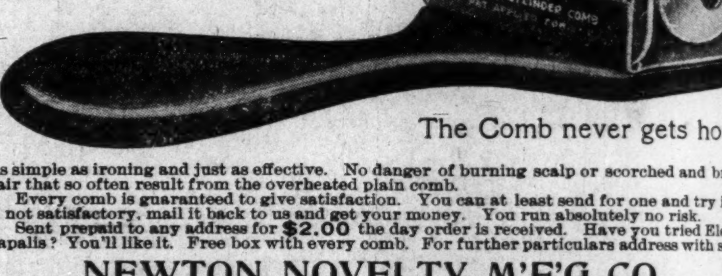
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SPORTING GOSSIP of the WEEK.

ECHOES OF THE SPORTING WORLD.

By Harry W. Jackson.

Young Corbett has re-entered the arena.

Racing at Los Angeles, Cal., will begin Christmas day.

McFarland will meet Young Erne at New Orleans December 23.

The world's famous bike rider, Major Taylor, was in the six-day race.

Gotch and Hackenschmidt again? Well, guess they've buried the hatchet.

Now that settles it! A rooster scrap in the courthouse at Frankfort, Ky.

Is the Burns-Johnson mill a fake? There seems to be a peculiar odor somewhere.

Rumor is circulating that Nelson and McFarland are both sidestepping Cyclone Thompson.

Langford is training hard for his fight with Flynn. Sam is boxing 'em all, from bantams up to the big boys.

Sam Langford and Jim Flynn ought to attract a lot of attention. Well, Sam, keep in trim; Jack's your next man.

Packey McFarland says that he will meet Joe Gans, but not in a six-round contest. It will have to be twenty-five rounds or more.

They are to have boxing at Kansas City soon, and they want Sam Langford in the first show against the best man they can get.

Sam Mills, the big 200-pound heavyweight, exchanges a few jabs with Sam Langford while the latter is in training, and it's Sam for Sam too.

Packey claims that he will give Cyclone Thompson a chance if the latter gets a club to put up a nice little purse. It's the "mon" that Packey wants.

Only a few weeks ago a dozen boxing clubs were pulling off fistic entertainments in New York City. Now there are but a few doing business.

Foreigners seem to accuse American athletics as being unclean. "Hack," the "Russian lion," accused Gotch, and now Dorando accuses Hayes.

Jeff Doherty, the New Haven lightweight, writes to deny the report that he "flunked" in a match with Eddie Murphy of Boston. Jeff says the match was never made.

Jim Flynn, the husky heavyweight who has had a crack at nearly all the big fellows, won over Battling Johnson in ten rounds at Los Angeles, Cal., on November 24.

Jim Driscoll's bout with Charley Griffin, the Australian champion, at Boston last week was one of the most marvelous exhibitions of boxing ever seen in the "bean city."

Gans has declined a long bout with Packey McFarland. Maybe it's because the old ringster thinks it's useless to schedule a long fight that he intends to make short.

Friday night was the first time since Attell buried Frank Neil and Harry Baker that the Hebrew has been in the ring with one of his own weight. Attell met Ad Wolgast.

Out of the $1750 received by Packey McFarland for his fight with Tommy Murphy, the Stock Yards champion has sent $1,000 home to his mother and kept the balance for his own use.

The Boston papers say that Larry Temple and Joe Walcott are both so nearly all in that in all probability they made their last appearance before the public at the Armory A. A. of Boston recently.

Judge Going imposed fines of $100 and costs on six men—two club officials, two boxers and two wrestlers—on charges of promoting and taking part in a prize fight at the New Illinois Athletic Club.

Special cables to Los Angeles from Melbourne state that Jack Johnson will have to develop his hitting powers if he expects to win from Tommy Burns December 26. Australian sporting men, who have sized up the pair carefully, have publicly expressed the opinion that Johnson is the cleverer boxer of the pair, but that Burns is the harder hitter.

And the lid will be lifted in Indianapolis next month. Everett McGinnis, chairman of the Central Labor Union committee on athletics, is arranging a boxing card for the entertainment of the coal miners who meet in a national convention here in January. Cyclone Thompson, who is anxious to meet Nelson and McFarland, will meet Jerry Murphy of this city.

Pat Galvin, manager of Joe Walcott, will accept Smokely Hobbs' challenge on behalf of George Smith of Columbus to meet him for a side bet of $500. Galvin says Walcott has not gone back, and that he can beat the best of them yet. Galvin has taken Billy Ryan, the Syracuse lightweight, under his wing, and he is anxious to match him against Ray Bronson, Jimmie Dunn or Phil Brock.

Benjamin Garris, who received first prize at the New York Horse Show, has this to say in regard to Mrs. Allen Potts, who was so astonished at a Negro being awarded a prize for which she was competing: "Well, you know she's from the South and I'm not disposed to treat her ideas on the Negro question seriously. If she remains North long enough, she will learn that her views on the race question are not considered seriously in New York. I am glad the horse I rode won the prize. I don't care about anything else."

In reply to Joe Gans' statement that he will make a match with Packey McFarland, the latter's manager says that McFarland will meet the former lightweight champion in a fight of ont less than 25 rounds either in Los Angeles or San Francisco. McFarland says that Nelson promised him a match if he first defeated Gans, and for that reason he will sign articles to meet the Baltimore pugilist without delay. If McFarland insists upon 133 pounds ringside, however, there will be no fight, as Gans has barred scaling at that time.

JOE GRIM, JACK JOHNSON'S PUNCHING BAG.

Joe Grim is the sparring partner of Jack Johnson and when Johnson gives exhibitions Grim fills the role of punching bag. Much interest has been created on the big island. Burns is the favorite.

PREACHERS FIGHTING GAMBLING

War on Racetrack Gambling in Texas.

DALLAS, Tex. — Special. — Racetrack gambling in Texas, one of the few remaining strongholds of the sporting fraternity, seems doomed. A fight against the sport is now being organized.

The Dallas Pastors' Association is taking the lead. It is proposed to stir up the people throughout the State, especially in country districts, and to arouse the country press to open fire on the tracks.

A FEW FIGURES ON THE BURNS-JOHNSON FIGHT.

Burns Gets the Big End of Purse.

Another story from Sydney, N. S. W., where Tommy Burns and Jack Johnson are scheduled to fight on December 26 for the world's heavyweight championship.

Burns in his last letter says that the big Negro will receive $5,000 cash out of the purse and $500 for the pictures of the mill. This money has already been deposited in the office of the Sydney *Referee*. Johnson will also get $1,200 for expenses to cover three persons. Burns writes that his end of the purse will be $30,000 in cash, win, lose or draw; also $1,750 for the pictures and $1,000 expenses. This money has also been posted by Promoter McIntosh, who has furnished $60,500 to cover all the details of the match. Speculators have purchased the Australian rights for the pictures for $20,000, while the stadium in which the men will battle will cost $20,000 more. Seats for the fight range all the way from $2.50 to $25, and as the Burns-Squires mill in Sydney drew nearly $70,000, it is figured that the Burns-Johnson affair will attract nearly a $100,000 audience. Fighting in Australia is a craze.

JACK JOHNSON IS SURE OF DEFEATING TOMMY BURNS.

Calls Tommy a Bluffer.

NEW YORK.—Jack Johnson has arrived safe and sound at Freemantle, Australia, and according to the Daily News, of Perth, Western Australia, says:

"I have chased the 'Liddle' chap from his nursery in 'Amurka.' I followed his 'Liddle' footsteps in Paris, and chased him over to the 'big smoke' and then succeeded in chasing him back to Australia."

"Bah!" broke in Sam Fitzpatrick, Johnson's manager, petulantly. "Burns is a bluffer, and I don't know whether we've got him yet or not. I won't bet on it till I hear the bell ring."

"A bluffer he is," answered the black man, in a quiet, even, sonorous tone, "and yet tha tis the man who has called me quitter. He is the man who is going to play for my body all the time, and win out."

The Negro gave a mirthless grin and held his huge fists above his head, significantly. "And am I going to keep my hands above my head, so, while Burns is playing for my body? No, sir. I have been fighting for sixteen years now, and I reckon I know more about the game than any other man. I am a larger man than he, and I am cleverer," added Johnson.

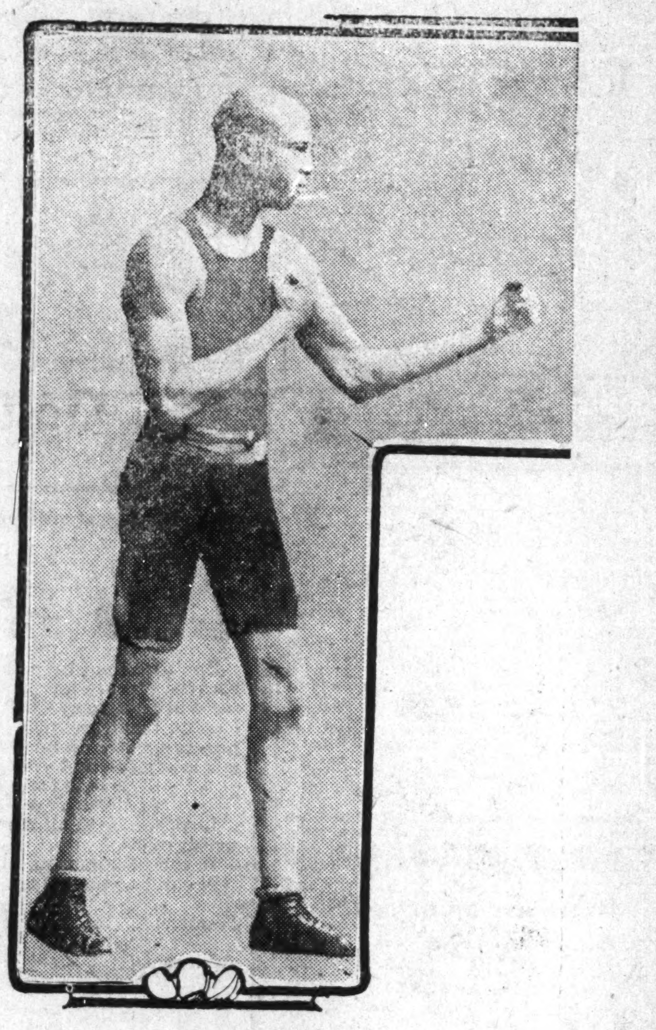
It must not be presumed that this utterance was delivered in a boastful spirit. They were the well-balanced sentiments of a man quietly convinced of his superiority and Johnson squared himself as he spoke. What a man he looked! His great stature, most evidenced in the fine pair of broad shoulders and the hanging arms, simply appalls one. His commanding presence adds a glamour to his physical being.

Standing over six feet in height, and apparently tipping the scales at about 15 stone, one can easily imagine this Negro as a champion heavyweight. And the first impression that comes to one is the futility of a little Canadian measuring five feet seven inches dancing around trying to get behind the defense of Johnson as he is.

JACK BLACKBURN DEFEATS TWO PUGS IN ONE EVENING.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—Special.—Jack Blackburn defeated two men in three rounds each at the Broadway Club Thursday of last week for the wind-up before a big crowd. Manager Lew Bailey tried to get one man to meet Blackburn in a six-round contest, but no one wanted the job, and he had to get two men for three rounds each. Mickey McDonough, the Brooklyn middleweight, was the first man to face Blackburn, and he had a hard time of it.

Jack Robinson, the Chicago middleweight, was the second man to face the Negro and he fared better with him. Robinson is a pretty good boxer, and he managed to land several hard raps on Blackburn's head and body.



JACK BLACKBURN.
The clever Indianapolis boxer, defeats two men in one evening.

THE ANNUAL GAME AT A. B. C.

Atlanta Baptist College Wallops Talladge College—Score, 33 to 0.

Before the largest crowd that has gathered on A. B. C.'s gridiron this year, and amid the cheers of the Baptist boys extolling the old maroon, Talladega College went down in an overwhelming defeat which was administered with careless ease by the Atlanta Baptist College eleven, the undisputed champions of the South.

The day was a fine one for baseball and turkey dinners, but altogether too warm for football. The Maroon Tigers were very much crippled on account of the game with Tuskegee, and, although they very plainly outclassed the opposing team, never during the whole game did they show up at their best.

FIRST HALF.

The game was called at 3 o'clock. Talladega won the toss and chose the western goal. V. Turner for A. B. C. kicked to Leonard of Talladega on the 10-yard line. Leonard was downed in his tracks. Talladega failed to gain. Ball went over. Walker, A. B. C.'s swift quarter, rattled off his signals like lightning and three minutes after the game had begun, Capt. Hubert crossed the goal for A. B. C.'s first touchdown. Zuber missed goal. Score, A. B. C., 5; T. C., 1.

Savage kicked to Mattison. Mattison passed back to Davis, who gained 10 yards. Then A. B. C. quickly rushed the ball to Talladega's 5-yard line, where she lost the ball on downs. Savage attempted to kick but Sandy Jackson, A. B. C.'s giant center, broke through the line, blocked the kick and fell on the ball for a touchdown. Zuber kicked goal. Score, A. B. C., 11; T. C., 0.

Savage kicked to V. Turner, who returned 10 yards. Hubert forward passed to Mattison for 15 yards. Mattison, Walker and Davis triple passed the pigskin for 15 yards. Wade, Hubert and Zuber took 5, 7 and 10 off the ends respectively. V. Turner took 15 off tackle and Capt. Hubert went over for the third touchdown. Zuber kicked goal. The first half ended score, A. B. C., 17; T. C., 0.

SECOND HALF.

Savage kicked to Wade. Wade fumbled but fell on ball behind line for touchback. Wade punted out 35 yards. J. Davis recovered. Wade punted again. Leonard returned 1 yard. Savage went off tackle for first down. T. C. then failing to gain, Savage punted to J. Davis, who broke the field for 20 yards. Zuber took a couple with a crossbuck, Hubert backed the other side for a pair and Wade hammered center for 5, going over for the fourth touchdown. Davis missed goal. Score, A. B. C., 22; T. C., 0.

Savage kicked to Davis, who gained 15 yards, 2 long passes and a punt. Talladega lost ball on downs. B. Hubert went through for fifth touchdown. Hubert missed goal. Score, A. B. C., 27; T. C., 0.

Savage kicked to V. Turner, who returned 4 yards. Hubert passed to Mattison for 15 yards. A. B. C. failing to gain, Wade kicked to Leonard. Leonard and Savage each took 10 yards off tackle on fake kicks. Failing to gain distance, Savage punted to J. Davis, who, aided by the excellent interference of Johnson and B. Turner, ran through a broken field 65 yards for the sixth and last touchdown. Hubert kicked goal. Score, A. B. C., 33; T. C., 0.

Savage kicked to Davis, who returned 35 yards. There A. B. C. literally began to play baseball. Passes, forward, single, double and triple, whirled in every direction. With the ball in T. C.'s territory, 17 yards from goal, the referee's whistle blew. The game ended.

Final score, A. B. C., 33; T. C., 0.

Talladega being also weakened by her recent conflict with the heavy Tuskegee squad, was not in the game at any time. She was evidently outclassed in every particular. Savage and Leonard were easily the Talladega stars, while the spectacular broken field running of J. Davis for A. B. C. was the particular feature.

THE LINE-UP.

Talladega.		A. B. C.
———	Right end	J. Davis
———	Right tackle	V. Turner
Wilson	Right guard	Johnson
Brandon	Center	Jackson
———	Left guard	Arnold
Mays	Left tackle	R. Turner
Walker	Left end	Mattison
———	Quarterback	Walker
Brogg	Right half	Hubert (c.)
Savage	Fullback	Wade
Leonard (c.)	Left half	Zuber

Touchdowns—Wade, 1; J. Davis, 1; S. Jackson, 1; Hubert, 3.

Goals—B. Hubert, 1; Zuber, 2.

Referee — Franklin. Umpire — Carter. Head linesman—Jones.

Time of halves—30 and 25 minutes.

Final score—A. B. C., 33; T. C., 0.

Mordecai W. Johnson.

JEFF'S OPINION OF BURNS.

Jim Jeffries never talked so much fight as he is doing these days. He had some spare time the other day and told several sitting around the camp fire what he thought of Tommy Burns, the heavyweight champion at the present time. "I don't think Burns would amount to anything with such men as Sharkey, Fitzsimmons and Corbett. Letterheads, press agents and a typewriter do not win championships. Burns will have to show something better than he has to figure with the old-time heavies, is my way of thinking."

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"BURNS IS NOT AN IDEAL CHAMPION."

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CHICAGO, Ill.—Special.—John L. Sullivan, "champion of champions," in an exclusive stateemnt to a Hearst News Service reporter, today flat-footedly called the Burns-Johnson championship mill at Sydney on December 26 a fake. Sullivan says:

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"Shame on the money-mad champion! Shame on the man who upsets good American precedents, because there are Dollars, Dollars, Dollars in it!

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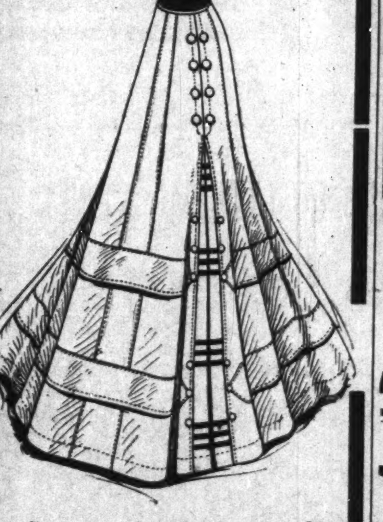

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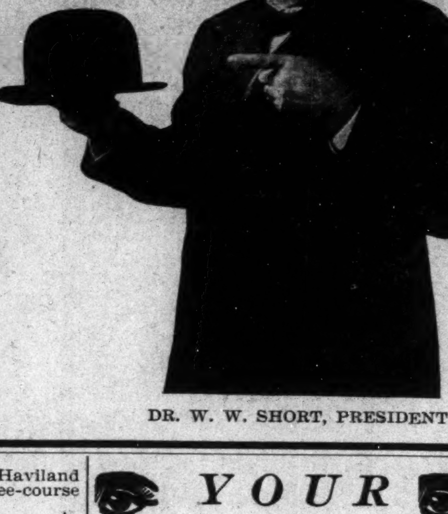

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The Rev. J. L. Craven, of Logansport, will preach at Bethel A. M. E. Church tomorrow morning.

That Mardi Gras ball, Tomlinson Hall, New Year's night, will be it. Only 50 cents admission.

Miss Alice Thomas, of French Lick, will visit Mrs. Frances Martin, in this city, during the holidays.

A. C. Howard, the shoe polish manufacturer, was in the city Tuesday, en route from Chicago to New York.

Dr. J. H. Ward entertained at dinner, Tuesday, Rev. J. H. Manley, Bishop Blackwell and George L. Knox.

Mrs. Leroy Mitchell has returned from Kansas City, where she has been visiting her sister, Miss Mayme Morris.

Mrs. Ethel Wilson, of Chicago, is still visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Wells, in this city.

Mrs. Ermine English, of Minneapolis, attended the funeral of her brother, "Cap" Patterson, in this city, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Hardy are the proud parents of a fine twelve pound boy, which arrived Saturday night, December 5.

The Mardi Gras will come off, rain or shine, at Tomlinson Hall, New Year's night. Watch for the Mardi Gras bills.

Miss Mamie Young, of Noblesville, spent Sunday in the city, the guest of Miss Carrie Barnes, a teacher in the public schools.

Bishop G. W. Blackwell left the city yesterday for Chicago. He has decided to take up his residence in this city in the near future.

The Bachelor's dance will be held at Odd Fellows' Hall Christmas night. The special holiday arrangements indicate an enjoyable affair.

The boys and girls of Simpson Chapel are securing donations for the Colored Orphans' Home. All donations will be received at the church Thursday afternoon.

Rev. J. H. Manly, of Little Rock, Ark., has been appointed presiding elder of the A. M. E. Zion churches in the Indianapolis district, to succeed Rev. W. H. Chambers.

"Mother" Hall, a well-known member of Bethel Church, is confined to her bed from illness. Also, Mrs. Lou Garnett, another well-known member of the church, is seriously ill.

ePte Groves was called to Edwardsville, Kans., Wednesday, on account of the death of his mother. Mrs. Groves made her home with her other son, J. G. Groves, the potato king.

Mrs. William Tyler, in North California street, entertained a company at dinner last Friday afternoon, in honor of Mrs. Tucker, of Baltimore, who is visiting relatives in this city. A guessing contest was a feature of the occasion. Mrs. Sumner A. Furniss won the prize, a Haviland china cup and saucer. A three-course menu was served.

At the Witherspoon United Presbyterian Church, Sabbath, December 20, you will have an opportunity to hear a rare treat in sacred music. The "Sweet Singers of Israel" will sing.

Quarterly services were held at Scott's Chapel, December 9. Superintendent Skelton preached the sacramental sermon. Rev. Morton, the pastor, is conducting a very successful revival.

Miss Ithigenia Cole, of San Antonio, Tex., who is a student in the Conservatory of Music of Oberlin College, will spend the holidays in this city, the guest of the family of Mrs. Penelope Booth, in North West street.

The Research Club is arranging to celebrate its fifth anniversary Wednesday evening, December 30, at the home of Mrs. Penelope Booth, in North West street. Each member is privileged to invite three guests.

The McCoy School Parents' Club, which will give a Christmas dinner to the poor children of the district, Christmas Eve, held two meetings during the week to perfect its arrangements. The undertaking promises great success.

John A. Page, a well-known resident of the South Side, for several years in charge of the elevator at the When Clothing Store, died after a brief illness, at his home in Linden street, Tuesday. His wife, Anna Page, died over a year ago.

W. H. Chambers, for several years pastor of Jones Tabernacle Church, this city, late presiding elder of the Indianapolis district of the A. M. E. Zion Church, has been assigned to the charge of one of the largest churches in the connection, at New Berne, N. C.

There will be given at Allen Chapel A. M. E. Church, Tuesday evening after Christmas, a musical and dramatic extravaganza. H. W. Jackson, the Indianapolis dramatic reader and impersonator; A. R. Schooler, Richard Chavers, Amos Thompson and others will appear on the program.

The funeral of Amanda Vaughn, who died Friday, December 11, at the home of Mrs. Hattie Jones, 313 West North street, was held at Bethel A. M. E. Church, Monday afternoon. She leaves a husband. She belonged to the Household of Ruth, No. 34, and to St. Ruth Temple, Sisters of the Mysterious Ten.

The Daughters of Charity held their annual election Thursday evening. The following were elected. President, Minnie Scott; vice president, Anna C. Clayborn; financial secretary, Ida Davis; corresponding secretary, Emma Brown; treasurer, Melvina Manning; chairman trustee board, Lillian T. Fox; trustees, Jennie Lewis and Ida Sweeny.

The Lotus Club has issued invitations for a holiday reception, to be given at Masonic Hall Monday evening, December 28. The club plans to make this one of the most pretentious affairs yet given by colored people. Its invitation list has been carefully selected, and, with good music, offers an attraction to those invited. The hall decorations will be an interesting feature.

AN OLD CITIZEN DIES.

Mrs. Martha Cooper, a well-known resident of Oak Hill, in the northeastern part of the city, died Friday of last week, at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Mary Wilson. She had been ailing for some time. She was the mother of the following well-known residents of the city: Captain Jas. Thomas, Jerry Thomas, Alfred Taylor and Robert Taylor. Her funeral was held at St. Paul Temple, of which she was a member, Monday morning.

WASHINGTON TO SPEAK.

Under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. Booker T. Washington will deliver an address at Caleb Mills Hall, Thursday evening, December 31, at 8 o'clock. Admission will be by ticket only. Tickets will be free and may be obtained at the Colored Y. M. C. A., the Denison House Barber Shop, the Central Y. M. C. A., H. L. Sanders, and The Freeman and Recorder newspaper offices. As the tickets are limited, those desiring them should get them early.

THE MARDI GRAS.

"Let not ambition mock their useful toil,
Their homely joys and destiny obscure,
Nor grandeur hear with a disdainful smile
The short and simple annals of the poor."

The Colored Mardi Gras Society will not let any one away with a disdainful smile, but will give a certain per cent. of its net receipts to one of the colored charitable institutions. Everybody come out and help swell the receipts. Admission, 50 cents. Music by Prof. Robt. Douglass' full orchestra. Parade led by Iron League Band. Watch for the bills.

ENTERTAINED THE FRAU FRAUS.

The Frau Frau Club was entertained by its president, Mrs. Dr. S. A. Furniss, at her home, 824 North West street, Thursday afternoon. Several other guests were invited to meet the club. The house was elaborately decorated with red and green, holly, crimson carnations and Christmas bells being used in profusion. The guests were all seated at once at the large round dining table. The table decorations were elaborate, consisting of cut flowers, cut glass and red wax tapers in silver candelabra. A five-course menu was served. A novel feature of the service was the ices, which were served in pots and represented growing plants. Cards were the pastime. Handsome prizes were given.

IN HONOR OF MRS. W. R. HILL.

In response to the invitation of Mesdames L. M. Hagood and J. T. V. Hill, about two hundred of the city's representative people attended a reception held at the home of Mrs. Hagood, in Senate avenue, North, last Saturday, from 4 to 6, in honor of Mrs. Mattie Hagood Hill, of Chicago, who is visiting at the home of her parents, the Rev. L. M. and Mrs. Hagood. The house, which was darkened and lighted, was tastily decorated with Christmas holly and cut flowers, and presented a charming appearance. The hostesses and the guest of honor were assisted in receiving the guests by Mesdames Adelee Simms, Pearl Sanders, Margaret Worthington, Grace Valentine, Eleanor Hayes and Ada Morris. Misses Katherine Williams and Ada Gordon attended the punch bowl. Misses Lillian Morris, Helen Gordon and Mary Hagood attended the door. Dainty refreshments were served in the dining room. The table was decorated with Christmas colors and cut glass candelabra, with red wax tapers and floral shades.

Y. M. C. A. NOTES.

Two hundred and forty-six men heard Bishop Blackwell last Sunday, at the monster meeting. This Sunday the managers have secured one of the great Chautauqua speakers of the country, the Hon. Geo. W. Thompson, who two years ago addressed 1,500 men at the big meeting. He has been booked to deliver the same address that he gave on that occasion, "The Trial of Jesus, the Christ, from a Legal Standpoint." The press and those who have heard him say he is marvelous in the dramatic presentation of the law and facts in the greatest trial of history. Jones Tabernacle should be packed to the doors on this occasion. Everybody is requested to be at the church at 3 o'clock, as the program begins promptly at that time. Mr. Jno. Morris will sing a bass solo, and the singing will be of especial interest Sunday. The Y. M. C. A. Orchestra will render a special program. Jones Tabernacle is the place, 3 p. m. the hour, and the meeting is for men only and all men are invited.

All who contemplate hearing Booker T. Washington on the night of December 31, at Caleb Mills Hall, are again reminded that they must secure tickets of admission (which are free). No person will be admitted without a ticket, and, as the seating capacity is limited, all are requested to get them as early as possible, as it is the first come the first served. The tickets can be secured at the Colored Y. M. C. A., The Freeman, The Recorder, H. L. Sanders, the Denison House Barber Shop and the Central Y. M. C. A. Remember, the tickets are free and are for any one who asks for them.

Preparations are now on foot for the "Douglass Memorial," February 14. The secretaries of all organizations are requested to send name and address to the Colored Y. M. C. A., or call New 'Phone 1661, in order that invitations may be sent to their organizations to participate.

WILL CELEBRATE EMANCIPATION DAY.

Arrangements are being made by the colored people of this city and vicinity for the observance of the anniversary of the emancipation of slaves, which went into practical effect January 1, 1863. The day for the observance of the emancipation, until the last few years, varied between September 22, the day the proclamation was issued, and January 1, the day the slaves actually received their freedom. However, since a declaration by Congress, a few years ago, January 1 has been almost universally accepted among colored people as the day which should be commemorated.

For the last few years Indianapolis colored people have assembled on that day and listened to an address, the reading of the Emancipation Proclamation, folk-lore songs and a recital of conditions and interests peculiar to the colored people. This year much the same program will be carried out, although the committee composed of ministers from the Interdenominational Alliance having the matter in charge hope to make the celebration more interesting than any yet held.

AT BETHEL A. M. E. CHURCH.

The exercise will be held Friday, January 1, at Bethel A. M. E. Church, which has the largest seating capacity of any of the colored churches. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon B. W. D. Isaacs, of Nashville, Tenn., a speaker of wide reputation, and corresponding secretary of the National Baptist Young People's Union, will be the speaker. A chorus selected from the schools and the numbers by the Y. M. C. A. orchestra will be features of the program.

At night a large entertainment is being planned, in which all of the churches are interested. The proceeds will be given to the charity organization as a contribution from the colored people. The entertainment has been designated "Ye olden time literary society," in which, under the direction of the Rev. H. L. Herod, chairman of the arrangements committee, some interesting and laughable features will be introduced. Folk-lore songs and good music will also be a feature. There is a possibility that Booker T. Washington, who will be in the city a part of New Year's day, will make a short address during the forenoon, definite announcement of which will be made later.

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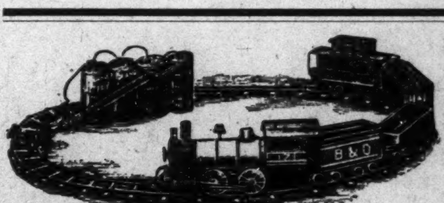

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